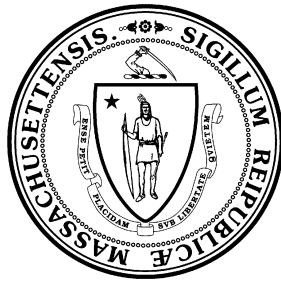


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List of Abbreviations

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| AAB | Air Assessment Branch |
| AQS..... | Air Quality System |
| AQI..... | Air Quality Index |
| BAM | Beta Attenuation Monitor |
| BP..... | Barometric Pressure |
| CAA | Clean Air Act |
| CFR..... | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CO | Carbon Monoxide |
| CO ₂ | Carbon Dioxide |
| DVMT | Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled |
| EOEA | Executive Office of Environmental Affairs |
| FRM | Federal Reference Method |
| IMPROVE ... | Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments |
| MassDEP..... | Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection |
| mg/m ³ | milligrams per cubic meter |
| NAAQS..... | National Ambient Air Quality Standards |
| NADP..... | National Atmospheric Deposition Program |
| NAMS | National Air Monitoring Stations |
| NATTS..... | National Air Toxics Trends Station |
| NESCAUM.. | Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management |
| NOAA | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration |
| NO | Nitric Oxide |
| NO _x | Nitrogen Oxides |
| NO _y | Total Reactive Oxidized Nitrogen |
| NO ₂ | Nitrogen Dioxide |
| NO ₃ | Nitrate |
| NPN..... | NOAA Profiler Network |
| O ₃ | Ozone |
| PAMS..... | Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations |
| Pb | Lead |
| PEI..... | Periodic Emissions Inventory |
| pH..... | Concentration of hydrogen cations (H ⁺) in solution (an indicator of acidity) |
| ppb..... | parts per billion by volume |
| ppm | parts per million by volume |
| PM _{2.5} | Particulate matter 2.5 microns |
| PM ₁₀ | Particulate matter 10 microns |
| PSI..... | Pollutant Standards Index |
| QA/QC | Quality Assurance and Quality Control |
| RH..... | Relative Humidity |
| SIP..... | State Implementation Plan |
| SLAMS | State and Local Air Monitoring Stations |
| SO ₂ | Sulfur Dioxide |
| SO ₄ | Sulfate |
| SUN..... | Solar Radiation |
| TSP..... | Total Suspended Particulates |
| ug/m ³ | micrograms per cubic meter |
| USEPA..... | United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| VOCs..... | Volatile Organic Compounds |
| WS/WD..... | Wind Speed/Wind Direction |

Section I

Ambient Air Monitoring Program

Program Overview

Introduction

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) monitors outdoor air quality and requires emissions controls, as necessary, for pollutants that adversely affect public health, welfare, and the environment.

MassDEP's Air Assessment Branch (AAB) collects ambient air quality data from monitoring sites throughout Massachusetts. During 2005, MassDEP operated a network of 28 monitoring stations located in 20 cities and towns, and oversaw a separate privately funded industrial network of four monitoring stations located at industrial facilities in the Boston area. MassDEP also received data from the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), which began operating an ozone monitor in 2003 on Martha's Vineyard. The tribal air quality data is listed at www.epa.gov/ne/aqi/.

MassDEP submits ambient air quality data to the national Air Quality System (AQS) database that is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Why is Air Quality Data Collected?

Ambient air quality data is used for a number of purposes, including:

- to verify compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards;
- to support development of policies and regulations designed to reduce ambient air pollution;
- to assess the effectiveness of existing air pollution control strategies;
- to provide information about air quality to the public;
- to support long-term trend analysis and special research; and
- to fulfill USEPA reporting requirements for ambient air quality data.

What is Monitored?

MassDEP monitors parameters in the following categories:

Criteria pollutants are subject to National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The criteria pollutants monitored are:

- sulfur dioxide (SO₂)
- ozone (O₃)
- carbon monoxide (CO)
- nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)
- lead (Pb)
- particulate matter – 10 microns (PM₁₀)
- particulate matter – 2.5 microns (PM_{2.5})

Non-criteria pollutants have no established national ambient air quality standards; however, some of these pollutants are subject to emissions limits in facility permits issued by MassDEP. The non-criteria pollutants monitored are:

- nitric oxide (NO)
- total nitrogen oxides (NO_x)
- total reactive oxidized nitrogen (NO_y)
- total suspended particulates (TSP)
- volatile organic compounds (VOCs) – ozone precursors and reaction product chemicals
- black carbon
- acid deposition – measured as pH and conductivity of precipitation
- toxics – health-relevant VOCs, aldehydes and metals

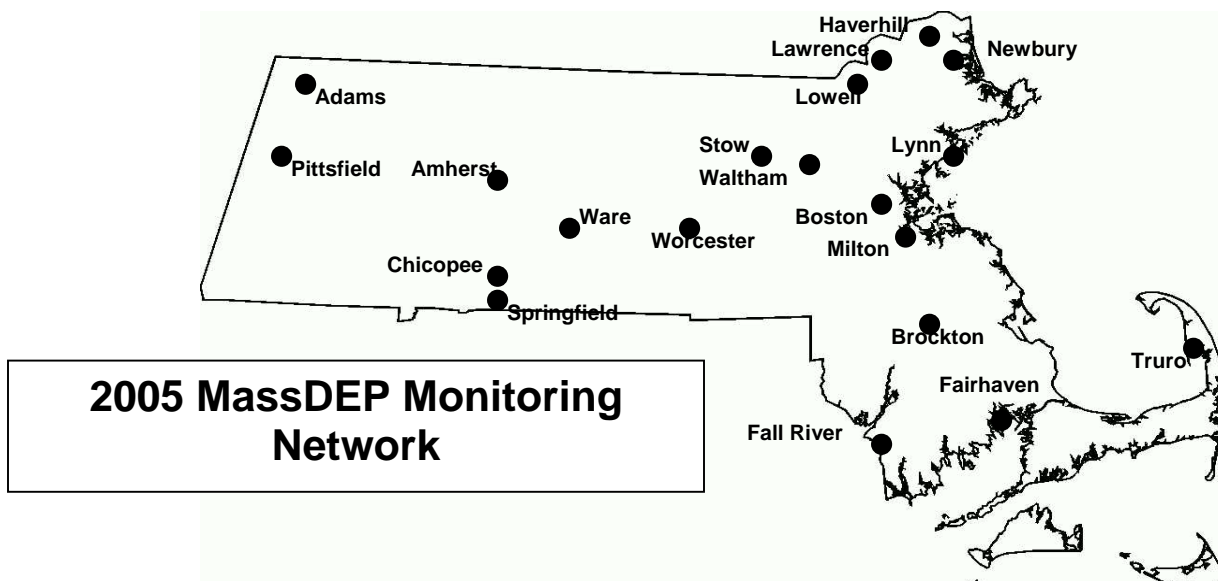
Meteorological parameters monitored are:

- wind speed/wind direction (WS/WD)
- relative humidity (RH)
- temperature (TEMP)
- barometric pressure (BP)
- solar radiation (Solar Rad)
- upper air wind and temperature (Profiler)
- total B band ultraviolet radiation (UVB)
- precipitation (PRECIP)

Monitoring Station Locations

Monitoring stations are sited to provide data for various purposes. Some are located in “hot spots” where maximum pollutant concentrations are expected, while others are located in areas that will provide data that is representative of larger geographic areas. Local topography and the location of pollutant sources are factors that determine how well a particular monitor location will represent an area.

A network of monitors is located throughout the state. These networks are designed to reflect pollutant concentrations for all of Massachusetts. Section III contains data summaries for each pollutant measured and maps showing the monitor locations for each network. Appendix A contains a list of the monitor locations. The map below shows Massachusetts cities and towns where air monitors were located during 2005.



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National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Primary Standards – designed to protect public health against adverse health effects with a margin of safety.

Secondary Standards – designed to protect against damage to crops, vegetation, and buildings.

| POLLUTANT | AVERAGING TIME* | PRIMARY | SECONDARY |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| SO ₂ | Annual Arithmetic Mean | 0.03 ppm (80 ug/m ³) | None |
| | 24-Hour | 0.14 ppm (365 ug/m ³) | None |
| | 3-Hour | None | 0.50 ppm (1300 ug/m ³) |
| CO | 8-Hour | 9 ppm (10 mg/m ³) | Same as Primary Standard |
| | 1-Hour | 35 ppm (40 mg/m ³) | Same as Primary Standard |
| O ₃ | 8-Hour | 0.08 ppm (157 ug/m ³) | Same as Primary Standard |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 8-hour standard is met when the 3-year average of the 4th-highest daily maximum 8-hour average does not exceed 0.08 ppm at any one monitor. Please note that the 1-hour ozone standard of 0.125 ppm was revoked on June 15, 2005. | | | |
| Pb | Calendar Quarter Arithmetic Mean | 1.5 ug/m ³ | Same as Primary Standard |
| NO ₂ | Annual Arithmetic Mean | 0.053 ppm (100 g/m ³) | Same as Primary Standard |
| PM _{2.5} Particulates up to 2.5 microns in size | Annual Arithmetic Mean | 15.0 ug/m ³ | Same as Primary Standard |
| | 24-Hour | 65 ug/m ³ | Same as Primary Standard |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual standard is met when the annual average of the quarterly mean PM_{2.5} concentrations is less than or equal to 15 ug/m³ (3-year average). If spatial averaging is used, the annual average from all monitors within the area may be averaged in the calculation of the 3-year mean. The 24-hour standard is met when the 98th percentile value is less than or equal to 65 ug/m³ (3-year average). | | | |
| PM ₁₀ Particulates up to 10 microns in size | Annual Arithmetic Mean | 50 ug/m ³ | Same as Primary Standard |
| | 24-Hour | 150 ug/m ³ | Same as Primary Standard |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PM₁₀ standard is based upon estimated exceedance calculations described in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix K. The annual standard is met if the estimated annual arithmetic mean does not exceed 50 ug/m³. The 24-hour standard is attained if the estimated number of days per calendar year above 150 ug/m³ does not exceed one per year. | | | |

µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic meter ppm = parts per million mg/m³ = milligrams per cubic meter

* Standards based on averaging times other than the annual arithmetic mean must not be exceeded more than once per year.

Pollutant Health Effects and Sources

Ozone (O₃)

- Ground-level O₃ and stratospheric O₃ are the same chemical compound but are often confused. Stratospheric O₃ at greater than 30,000 feet above the surface of the earth is beneficial because it filters out the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation. However, ground-level O₃ is a health and environmental problem. This report pertains to ground-level O₃.
- O₃ irritates mucous membranes. This causes reduced lung function, nasal congestion, and throat irritation, and reduced resistance to infection.
- O₃ is toxic to vegetation, inhibiting growth and causing leaf damage.
- O₃ deteriorates materials such as rubber and fabrics.
- Ground-level O₃ is unique in that it is formed by reactions between certain pollutants in the presence of intense, high-energy sunlight occurring during the summer months. The complexity of the reactions and the amount of time needed to complete these reactions results in the buildup of ground-level ozone concentrations far downwind from the original source of the precursors.
- Sources of ground-level O₃ precursors, nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons, include motor vehicles and power plants.

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

- CO binds with hemoglobin in the blood, reducing the amount of oxygen carried to organs and tissues.
- Symptoms of high CO exposure include shortness of breath, chest pain, headaches, confusion, and loss of coordination. The health threat is most severe for those with cardiovascular disease.
- Industrial processes and non-transportation fuel combustion are also sources of CO.
- Motor vehicle emissions are the largest source of CO, which is produced from incomplete combustion of carbon in fuels.

Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)

- SO₂ combines with water vapor to form acidic aerosols harmful to the respiratory tract, aggravating symptoms associated with lung diseases such as asthma and bronchitis.
- SO₂ is a primary contributor to acid deposition. Impacts of acid deposition include: acidification of lakes and streams, damage to vegetation, damage to materials, and diminution of visibility.
- SO₂ is a product of fuel combustion (e.g., burning coal and oil). Sources include heat and power generation facilities, and petroleum refineries.

Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

- NO₂ lowers resistance to respiratory infections and aggravates symptoms associated with asthma and bronchitis.
- NO₂ contributes to acid deposition (see SO₂ listing above for acid deposition effects).
- NO₂ and NO contribute to the formation of ozone.
- NO₂ is formed from the oxidation of nitric oxide (NO). Major sources of NO are fuel combustion, heating, power plants and motor vehicles.

Particulate Matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5})

- Particulate matter is tiny airborne particles or aerosols, which include dust, dirt, soot, smoke, and liquid droplets. Fine particulate matter (mostly below 2.5 microns in size) are not only the result of direct emissions, but can be formed in the atmosphere by chemical reactions involving gaseous pollutants.
- The numbers 2.5 and 10 refer to the particle size, measured in microns, collected by the monitors. Several thousand PM_{2.5} particles could fit on the period at the end of this sentence.
- The small size of the particles allows entry into the human respiratory system. Long-term exposure allows the particles to accumulate in the lungs and affects breathing and produces respiratory symptoms. The small particles can migrate through the lungs and into the circulatory system and potentially produce cardio-vascular symptoms, as well as impacts from toxic components contained in the particles.
- Particulate matter causes soiling and corrosion of materials.
- Particulate matter contributes to atmospheric haze that degrades visibility.
- Sources include industrial process emissions, motor vehicles, incinerators, and power plants.

Lead (Pb)

- Lead is an elemental metal that is found in nature.
- Lead enters the atmosphere from the incineration of lead containing materials and from the manufacture and processing of lead containing products or materials like storage batteries, smelting and paint removal.
- Exposure to lead may occur by inhalation or ingestion with food, water, soil or dust particles.
- Children, infants, and fetuses are more susceptible to the effects of lead exposure.
- Lead causes mental retardation, brain damage, and liver disease. It may be a factor in high blood pressure and damages the nervous system.

Public and Industrial Network Descriptions

2005 Public Monitoring Network

MassDEP operates a public ambient air monitoring network.

Network Size

- 28 monitoring stations
- 20 cities and towns with monitoring stations

Number of Continuous Monitors

Continuous monitors measure air quality 24 hours per day. The data are reported as hourly means.

- Criteria pollutant monitors measure pollutants for which National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) have been set.
 - 5 – CO (carbon monoxide)
 - 12 – NO₂ (nitrogen dioxide). NO (nitric oxide) and NO_x (total nitrogen oxides) are also measured by these monitors.
 - 14 – O₃ (ozone)
 - 6 – SO₂ (sulfur dioxide)
- Meteorological monitors track weather conditions.
 - 11 – BP (barometric pressure)
 - 11 – RH (relative humidity)
 - 11 – SOLAR RAD (solar radiation)
 - 13 – TEMP (temperature)
 - 12 – WS/WD (wind speed/wind direction)
 - 1 – Profiler (this monitor measures WS/WD and TEMP at various altitudes, which aids in the analysis of pollutant transport)
 - 2 – UVB (B Band Ultra-violet Radiation)
 - 2 – Precipitation
- Other Monitors
 - 4 – NO_y (Total Reactive Oxidized Nitrogen)
 - 6 – PAMS (Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Station). These monitors measure VOCs (volatile organic compounds).
 - 10 – PM_{2.5} BAM (particulate matter – 2.5 microns)
 - 2 – Black Carbon
 - 1 – Acid Deposition. Precipitation is collected and analyzed for conductivity and acidic compounds that are harmful to the environment. This monitor, located in Waltham, is part of the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP). Two other monitors in Massachusetts are also part of the NADP. They are located in Truro and Ware and are not operated by MassDEP.

**Number of
Intermittent
Monitors**

Intermittent monitors take discrete samples for a specific time period. The samples are taken every day, every third day, or every sixth day. The data is averaged in 3-hour or 24-hour intervals.

- Criteria pollutant monitors measure pollutants that have National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
 - ❑ 1 – Pb (Lead)
 - ❑ 6 – PM₁₀ (particulate matter – 10 microns)
 - ❑ 15 – PM_{2.5} FRM (particulate matter – 2.5 microns)
 - Non-criteria pollutant monitors measure pollutants that do not have NAAQS.
 - ❑ 6 – PAMS (photochemical assessment monitoring station). These monitors measure VOCs (volatile organic compounds).
 - ❑ 1 – TSP (total suspended particulates) used for lead analysis
 - ❑ 2 – Toxics. These monitors measure health-relevant VOCs.
 - ❑ 2 – Speciation. These monitors measure for PM_{2.5}, nitrates, and organics.
 - ❑ 1 – PM₁₀ (particles for toxic metals)
-

2005 Industrial Monitoring Network

Industries monitor air quality and submit data under agreement with MassDEP. The data must be collected using quality assurance requirements established by MassDEP and USEPA.

Network Size

- 4 monitoring stations
- All are located in the Boston area

**Number of
Continuous
Monitors**

Continuous monitors measure the air quality 24 hours per day. The data is averaged to provide 1-hour averages.

- Criteria pollutant monitors measure pollutants that have National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
 - ❑ 1 – NO₂ (nitrogen dioxide). NO (nitrogen oxide) and NO_x (total nitrogen oxides) are also measured by this monitor.
 - ❑ 4 – SO₂ (sulfur dioxide)
- Meteorological monitors
 - ❑ 4 – WS/WD (wind speed/wind direction)

**Number of
Intermittent
Monitors**

Intermittent monitors take discrete samples for a specific time period. These monitors sample every sixth day, and the data is averaged for a 24-hour interval.

- Other Monitors
 - ❑ 4 – TSP (total suspended particulates)
 - ❑ 4 – SO₄ (sulfate)

Section II

Attainment and Exceedances of Air Quality Standards

Attainment Status Summary

The Clean Air Act (CAA) established timeframes and milestones for states to meet and maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for criteria pollutants. USEPA sets the NAAQS levels to protect public health and the environment. USEPA must review the NAAQS every five years and may update the standards based on new scientific information. Each state is required to monitor the ambient air to determine whether it meets each standard. If the air quality does not meet a standard, the state must develop and implement pollution control strategies to attain that standard. Once air quality meets a standard, a state must develop a plan to maintain that standard while accounting for future economic and emissions growth. Taken together, these plans and control strategies constitute the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Ozone is the only pollutant for which Massachusetts monitors indicate violations of a NAAQS. Massachusetts is in attainment for the other criteria pollutants, including carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter (including PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}).

It should be noted that a new national strategy currently under development calls for the continued measurement of gaseous pollutants that already attain the standards, including sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide. Under the new strategy, these gases will be measured in lower concentration ranges than in the past. This strategy will enable scientists to resolve trends more easily and obtain more meaningful data from monitors at rural locations.

Sulfur Dioxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, and Lead

Massachusetts has been in attainment for sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and lead for a number of years based on decades of monitoring.

Carbon Monoxide

Prior to the mid-1980s, Massachusetts was in violation of the carbon monoxide (CO) standard. However, with the adoption of numerous control programs, CO emissions have significantly decreased. The last violation in the state of the CO NAAQS occurred in 1986. In 2000, MassDEP formally requested that the USEPA re-designate the cities of Lowell, Springfield, Waltham, and Worcester as attainment for CO since the CO monitoring data for those cities had been below the standard for many years. With the re-designation of these cities to CO attainment in April 2002, the entire state is now in attainment of the CO standard.

Particulate Matter

There are currently two NAAQS particulate matter standards: An older PM₁₀ and a newer PM_{2.5} standard. Massachusetts has been in attainment of the PM₁₀ standard for several years. In December 2004, USEPA designated Massachusetts “Attainment/Unclassifiable” for PM_{2.5} statewide based on monitoring data.

The particulate matter standard has evolved over the years as more has been learned about the health effects of particulate matter. As more and more studies have linked exposure to fine particles with adverse health effects, the standard has become more stringent requiring control of particulates of smaller sizes and at lower concentrations.

- 1970 – The standard was based on Total Suspended Particulates (TSP). The standards were set at 260 ug/m³ (24-hours) and 75 ug/m³ (annual geometric mean).
- 1987 – The TSP standard was replaced by the PM₁₀ standard (particulate matter equal to or less than 10 microns in size). The PM₁₀ standards were set at 150 ug/m³ (24-hours) and 50 ug/m³ (annual arithmetic mean).
- 1997 – The PM_{2.5} standard (particulate matter equal to or less than 2.5 microns) was promulgated in addition to the PM₁₀ standard. The PM_{2.5} standards are set at 65 ug/m³ (24-hours) and 15 ug/m³ (annual arithmetic mean).
- 2005 – As part of its 5-year review of the particulate matter standards, USEPA proposed to
 - lower the primary 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard to 35 ug/m³
 - retain the primary annual PM_{2.5} standard of 15 ug/m³
 - set the secondary standards for both the annual and 24-hour standards at levels identical to the primary standards
 - replace the PM₁₀ standards (annual and 24-hour) with an “inhalable coarse particle” 24-hour standard known as PM_{10-2.5} (i.e., particles smaller than 10 microns but larger than 2.5 microns), with a focus on urban areas

USEPA plans to publish final PM standards in Fall 2006. Designations on whether states are in attainment or nonattainment with the standards would occur in 2009 and take effect in 2010.

Ozone

In 1997, USEPA set a new stricter ozone standard of 0.08 ppm averaged over an eight-hour period, but implementation was delayed due to legal challenges to the standard. USEPA designated Massachusetts as “moderate nonattainment” for the 8-hour standard effective June 15, 2004. The 1-hour standard was revoked on June 15, 2005. The 1-hour ozone standard (0.12 ppm averaged over one hour) had been in place for almost two decades. Massachusetts had been classified as “serious nonattainment” for the 1-hour ozone standard since the early 1990s. However, with the adoption of numerous control programs, Massachusetts has made significant progress in reducing the number and severity of 1-hour ozone exceedances. Mitigation programs that were put in place to attain the 1-hour standard will continue as part of MassDEP’s strategy to attain the new 8-hour standard. MassDEP is working with the Ozone Transport Commission member states to develop a regional strategy for attaining the 8-hour ozone standard by 2010, and will submit to USEPA its 8-hour ozone attainment SIP in June 2007.

Ozone Exceedances

What Determines an Exceedance?

An ozone exceedance occurs when monitored ozone concentrations exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Ozone is collected as an hourly average of continuous data and is then used to determine the 8-hour average value for the day. An exceedance of the 8-hour standard is an 8-hour averaged value that is equal to or greater than 0.085 ppm.

The Difference Between an Exceedance and a Violation

An ozone exceedance occurs when a monitor records ambient levels of ozone above a standard. A violation of an ozone standard (as opposed to an exceedance) is based on 3-year averages of data, so monitoring an exceedance does not necessarily mean that a violation of the standard has occurred.

Violations of the 8-hour standard are determined using the annual 4th-highest daily maximum 8-hour ozone value at each monitor. A violation requires a 3-year average of the annual 4th-highest daily maximum 8-hour value that is equal to or greater than 0.085 ppm. In other words, the 8-hour values for each day during a year for a specific monitor are ranked from highest to lowest. Then, the 4th-highest value for 3 consecutive years is averaged. If the 3-year average is 0.085 ppm or greater, a violation of the 8-hour standard has occurred at that specific monitoring site.

Ozone Exceedances and Violations During 2005

Exceedances

The Table below shows the 2005 ozone exceedances. During 2005, there were three days when the former 1-hour ozone standard was exceeded. There were 16 days when the 8-hour ozone standard was exceeded. There were 54 exceedances during those 16 days.

Violations

Violations of the ozone standard are based on 3-year averages. Using data from 2003–2005, none of the 14 sites violated the former 1-hour standard. For the more stringent 8-hour standard, during the same period, three sites out of 14 violated the 8-hour standard

2005 Ozone Exceedances (ppm)

| DATE | SITE | 8-HOUR EXC | 1-HOUR EXC | START HOUR | DATE | SITE | 8-HOUR EXC | 1-HOUR EXC | START HOUR |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| April 19, 2005 | TRURO | .088 | | 19 | June 25, 2005 | STOW | .091 | | 16 |
| April 20, 2005 | LYNN | .086 | | 10 | June 25, 2005 | TRURO | .088 | | 12 |
| April 20, 2005 | MILTON | .090 | | 12 | June 25, 2005 | WARE | .091 | | 13 |
| April 20, 2005 | TRURO | .088 | | 13 | June 25, 2005 | WORCESTER | .092 | | 14 |
| April 20, 2005 | WARE | .087 | | 11 | June 25, 2005 | ROXBURY | .088 | | 16 |
| April 20, 2005 | WORCESTER | .090 | | 13 | June 25, 2005 | MILTON (Blue Hill) | .103 | | 14 |
| June 8, 2005 | WARE | .096 | | 13 | June 25, 2005 | MILTON (Blue Hill) | | .127 | 19 |
| June 8, 2005 | CHICOPEE | .088 | | 12 | June 26, 2005 | ADAMS | .087 | | 20 |
| June 9, 2005 | ADAMS | .091 | | 13 | June 26, 2005 | CHICOPEE | .095 | | 9 |
| June 9, 2005 | ADAMS | | .127 | 18 | June 26, 2005 | BOSTON (Long Is) | .091 | | 9 |
| June 9, 2005 | AMHERST | .092 | | 11 | June 26, 2005 | LYNN | .096 | | 9 |
| June 9, 2005 | CHICOPEE | .104 | | 11 | June 26, 2005 | TRURO | .087 | | 10 |
| June 9, 2005 | CHICOPEE | | .128 | 14 | June 26, 2005 | MILTON (Blue Hill) | .089 | | 9 |
| June 9, 2005 | TRURO | .087 | | 8 | July 22, 2005 | LYNN | .085 | | 11 |
| June 9, 2005 | WARE | .101 | | 12 | July 26, 2005 | CHICOPEE | .090 | | 13 |
| June 9, 2005 | WARE | | .127 | 15 | July 26, 2005 | LYNN | .088 | | 12 |
| June 9, 2005 | WORCESTER | .085 | | 12 | July 26, 2005 | WARE | .090 | | 14 |
| June 24, 2005 | ADAMS | .087 | | 19 | July 26, 2005 | WORCESTER | .085 | | 13 |
| June 24, 2005 | CHICOPEE | .085 | | 12 | July 27, 2005 | CHICOPEE | | .127 | 16 |
| June 24, 2005 | BOSTON (Long Is) | .086 | | 14 | July 27, 2005 | LONG ISLAND | .085 | | 9 |
| June 24, 2005 | LYNN | .094 | | 16 | July 27, 2005 | WARE | .087 | | 10 |
| June 24, 2005 | STOW | .087 | | 14 | August 5, 2005 | TRURO | .094 | | 10 |
| June 24, 2005 | WARE | .088 | | 13 | August 8, 2005 | CHICOPEE | .085 | | 11 |
| June 24, 2005 | WORCESTER | .087 | | 13 | August 11, 2005 | FAIRHAVEN | .086 | | 10 |
| June 24, 2005 | MILTON (Blue Hill) | .091 | | 14 | August 11, 2005 | BOSTON (Long Is) | .089 | | 11 |
| June 25, 2005 | ADAMS | .087 | | 14 | August 11, 2005 | TRURO | .095 | | 12 |
| June 25, 2005 | CHICOPEE | .090 | | 11 | August 12, 2005 | CHICOPEE | .098 | | 12 |
| June 25, 2005 | BOSTON (Long Is) | .095 | | 16 | August 12, 2005 | WARE | .085 | | 14 |
| June 25, 2005 | LYNN | .099 | | 15 | September 13, 2005 | ADAMS | .089 | | 22 |
| | | | | | September 14, 2005 | ADAMS | .085 | | 0 |

Exceedance Days and Total Exceedance Trends

Figures 1 and 2 show the trends in number of 1-hour and 8-hour exceedance days and the total number of exceedances.

The trend for the 1-hour data in Figure 1 shows a decline in the number of exceedances and exceedance days over the period covered. Although the 1-hour standard was revoked June 15, 2005, Figure 1 reflects the total number of 1-hour exceedances for 2005. 2005 was a transitional year and three out of the five exceedances occurred prior to the revocation. The trend in Figure 2 shows that, under the new more stringent 8-hour standard, there were a greater number of exceedances and exceedance days compared to the 1-hour standard.

Figure 1
1-hr Ozone Exceedance Days and Total Exceedances 1987-2005
1-hour standard = 0.125 ppm (revoked June 15, 2005)

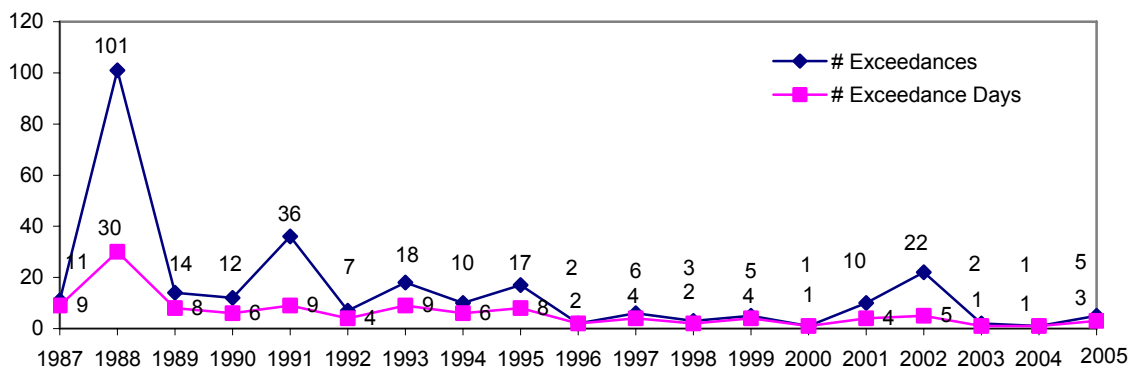
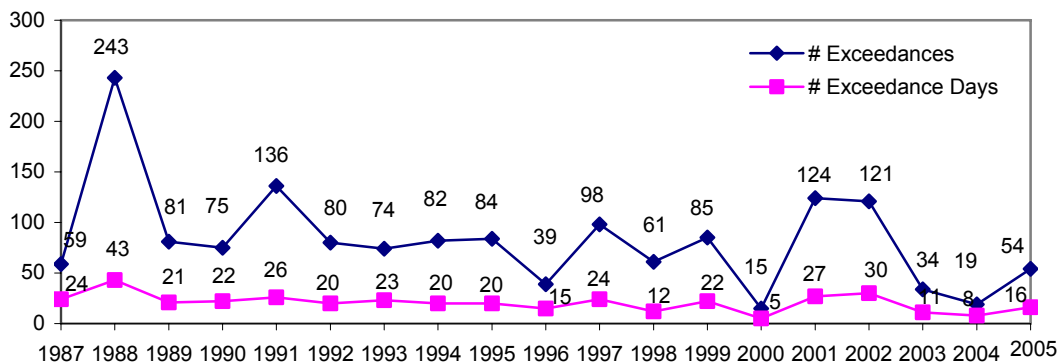


Figure 2
8-hr Ozone Exceedance Days and Total Exceedances 1987-2005
8-hour standard = 0.085 ppm



Daily Ozone Forecasts

Air Quality Ratings

MassDEP provides to the public daily air quality forecasts for ozone from May through September using weather maps and meteorological conditions to predict whether or not conditions are favorable for the production of elevated ozone levels. Each day during these months, MassDEP predicts when the air quality will be good, moderate or unhealthy.

The air quality rating is determined through analysis of National Weather Service observations and modeled predictions. Meteorological, ozone, and nitrogen oxides data from the statewide and regional monitoring networks also are used as prediction tools.

The daily air quality forecast is available May through September from MassDEP's website (www.mass.gov/air) or by calling the Air Quality Hotline (1-800-882-1497).

The table below describes the ratings used in the daily air quality forecasts.

| Air Quality Rating | Adverse Health Effects | Ways to Protect Your Health |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Good | None expected. | No precautions necessary. |
| Moderate | Ozone levels in the upper part of this range may cause respiratory problems in some children and adults engaged in outdoor activities. These effects are of particular concern for those with existing lung problems. | People with respiratory diseases, such as asthma, and other sensitive individuals should consider limiting outdoor exercise and strenuous activities during the afternoon and early evening hours, when ozone levels are usually the highest. |
| Unhealthy | <p>As ozone levels increase, both the severity of the health effects and the number of people affected increase. Health effects include nose and throat irritation; chest pain; decreased lung function; shortness of breath; increased susceptibility to respiratory infection; and aggravation of asthma.</p> <p>It is important to note that individuals react differently when exposed to various ozone levels in the unhealthy range; some people experience problems at lower unhealthy levels, while others may not be affected until higher levels are reached.</p> | <p>In general, everyone should limit strenuous outdoor activity during the afternoon and early evening hours, when ozone levels are usually the highest.</p> <p>You should consider scheduling outdoor exercise and children's outdoor activities in the morning hours, when ozone levels are generally lower.</p> <p>If you are particularly sensitive to ozone, or if you have asthma or other respiratory problems, stay in an area where it is cool and, if possible, where it is air-conditioned.</p> |

Ozone Maps

USEPA maintains web sites containing current and archived ozone maps and "real-time" ozone animations using ozone data that is provided by participating states: www.epa.gov/region01/topics/air/ and www.epa.gov/airnow.

Section III

Massachusetts Air Quality Data Summaries

Ozone Summary

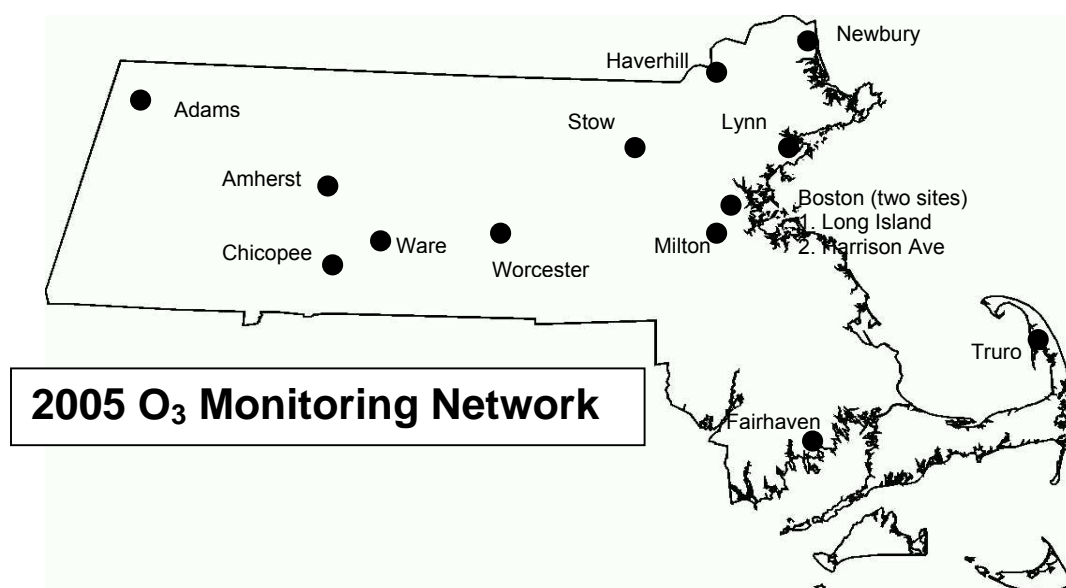
2005 Ozone Data Summary

A summary of the 2005 data collected during the ozone season (April 1 – Sept. 30) is shown below. There were 14 ozone sites in operation during 2005 in the state-operated monitoring network. All of the sites achieved the requirement of 75% or greater data capture for the year.

| SITE ID | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | % OBS | 1 ST MAX 1-HR | 2 ND MAX 1-HR | DAY MAX ≥ 0.125 | 1 ST MAX 8-HR | 2 ND MAX 8-HR | 3 RD MAX 8-HR | 4 TH MAX 8-HR | DAY MAX ≥ 0.085 |
|-------------|-----------|------------|------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 25-003-4002 | Adams | Berkshire | MT. GREYLOCK | 85 | 0.127 | 0.097 | 1 | 0.091 | 0.089 | 0.087 | 0.087 | 6 |
| 25-015-0103 | Amherst | Hampshire | NORTH PLEASANT | 96 | 0.110 | 0.092 | 0 | 0.092 | 0.079 | 0.078 | 0.078 | 1 |
| 25-025-0041 | Boston | Suffolk | LONG ISLAND | 98 | 0.118 | 0.110 | 0 | 0.095 | 0.091 | 0.089 | 0.086 | 5 |
| 25-025-0042 | Boston | Suffolk | HARRISON AVENUE | 98 | 0.110 | 0.098 | 0 | 0.088 | 0.076 | 0.073 | 0.066 | 1 |
| 25-013-0008 | Chicopee | Hampden | ANDERSON ROAD | 96 | 0.128 | 0.127 | 2 | 0.104 | 0.098 | 0.095 | 0.090 | 8 |
| 25-005-1002 | Fairhaven | Bristol | LEROY WOOD | 95 | 0.100 | 0.095 | 0 | 0.086 | 0.084 | 0.084 | 0.082 | 1 |
| 25-009-5005 | Haverhill | Essex | WASHINGTON ST | 99 | 0.096 | 0.091 | 0 | 0.084 | 0.079 | 0.079 | 0.078 | 0 |
| 25-009-2006 | Lynn | Essex | 390 PARKLAND | 98 | 0.115 | 0.115 | 0 | 0.099 | 0.096 | 0.094 | 0.088 | 6 |
| 25-021-3003 | Milton | Norfolk | BLUE HILL | 97 | 0.127 | 0.107 | 1 | 0.103 | 0.091 | 0.090 | 0.089 | 4 |
| 25-009-4004 | Newbury | Essex | SUNSET BOULEVARD | 99 | 0.098 | 0.096 | 0 | 0.083 | 0.082 | 0.079 | 0.078 | 0 |
| 25-017-1102 | Stow | Middlesex | US MILITARY | 98 | 0.111 | 0.108 | 0 | 0.091 | 0.087 | 0.084 | 0.083 | 2 |
| 25-001-0002 | Truro | Barnstable | FOX BOTTOM AREA | 98 | 0.103 | 0.102 | 0 | 0.095 | 0.094 | 0.088 | 0.088 | 7 |
| 25-015-4002 | Ware | Hampshire | QUABBIN SUMMIT | 93 | 0.127 | 0.123 | 1 | 0.101 | 0.096 | 0.091 | 0.090 | 8 |
| 25-027-0015 | Worcester | Worcester | WORCESTER | 98 | 0.113 | 0.106 | 0 | 0.092 | 0.090 | 0.087 | 0.085 | 5 |

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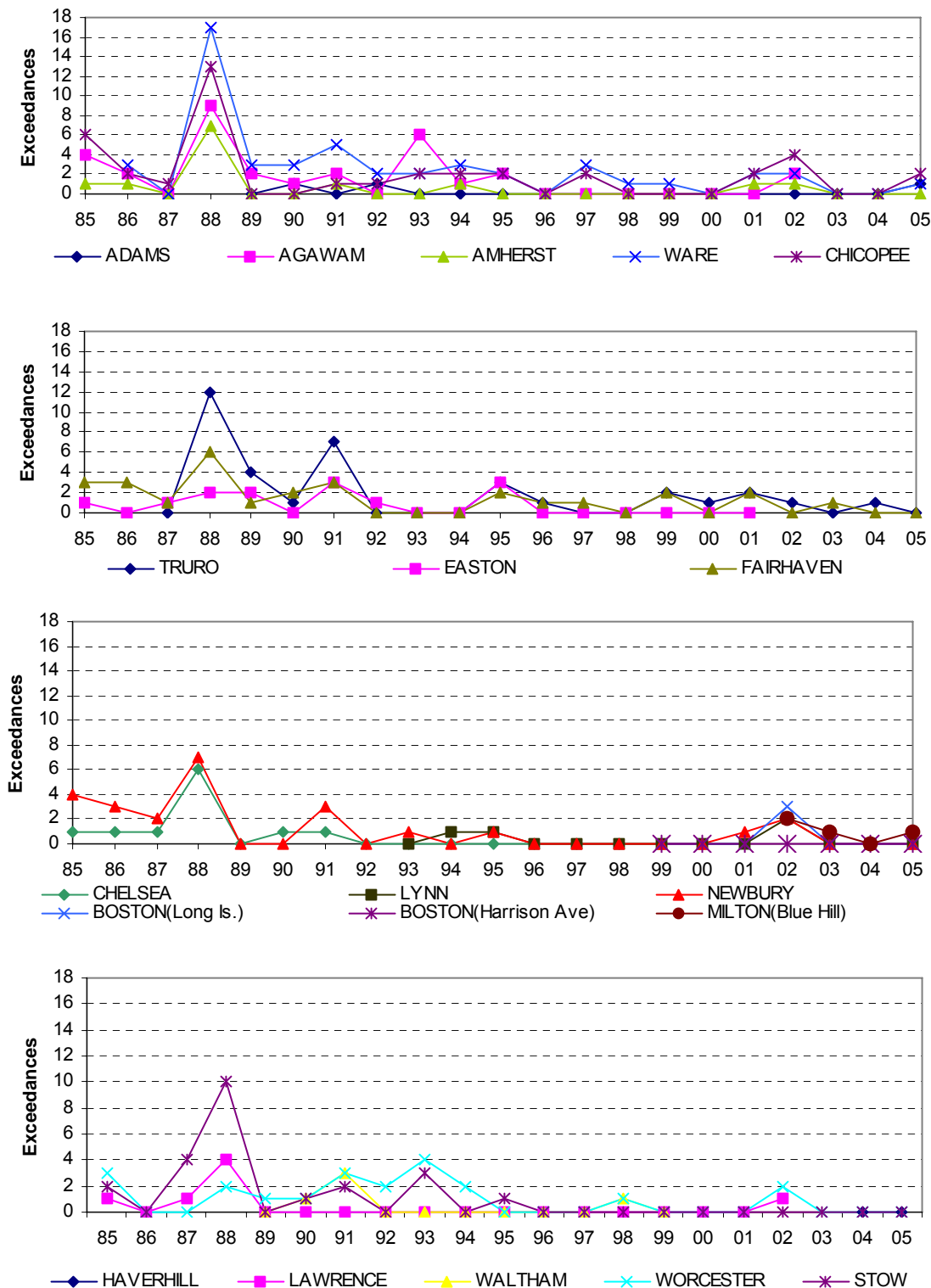
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER **% OBS** = PERCENTAGE OF VALID DAYS MONITORED DURING O₃ SEASON **1ST, 2ND MAX 1-HR** = MAXIMUM 1-HR VALUE FOR THE 1ST & 2ND HIGHEST DAY **DAY MAX ≥ 0.125** = NUMBER OF MEASURED DAILY 1-HOUR MAXIMUM VALUES GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.125 PPM (1-HR STANDARD) **1ST, 2ND, 3RD & 4TH MAX 8-HR** = MAXIMUM 8-HR VALUE FOR THE 1ST, 2ND, 3RD & 4TH HIGHEST DAY **DAY MAX ≥ 0.085** = NUMBER OF MEASURED DAILY 8-HOUR MAXIMUM VALUES GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.085 PPM (8-HR STANDARD)



1-hour Ozone Exceedance Trends

The historical trends of the former 1-hour ozone exceedances for each site are shown below.

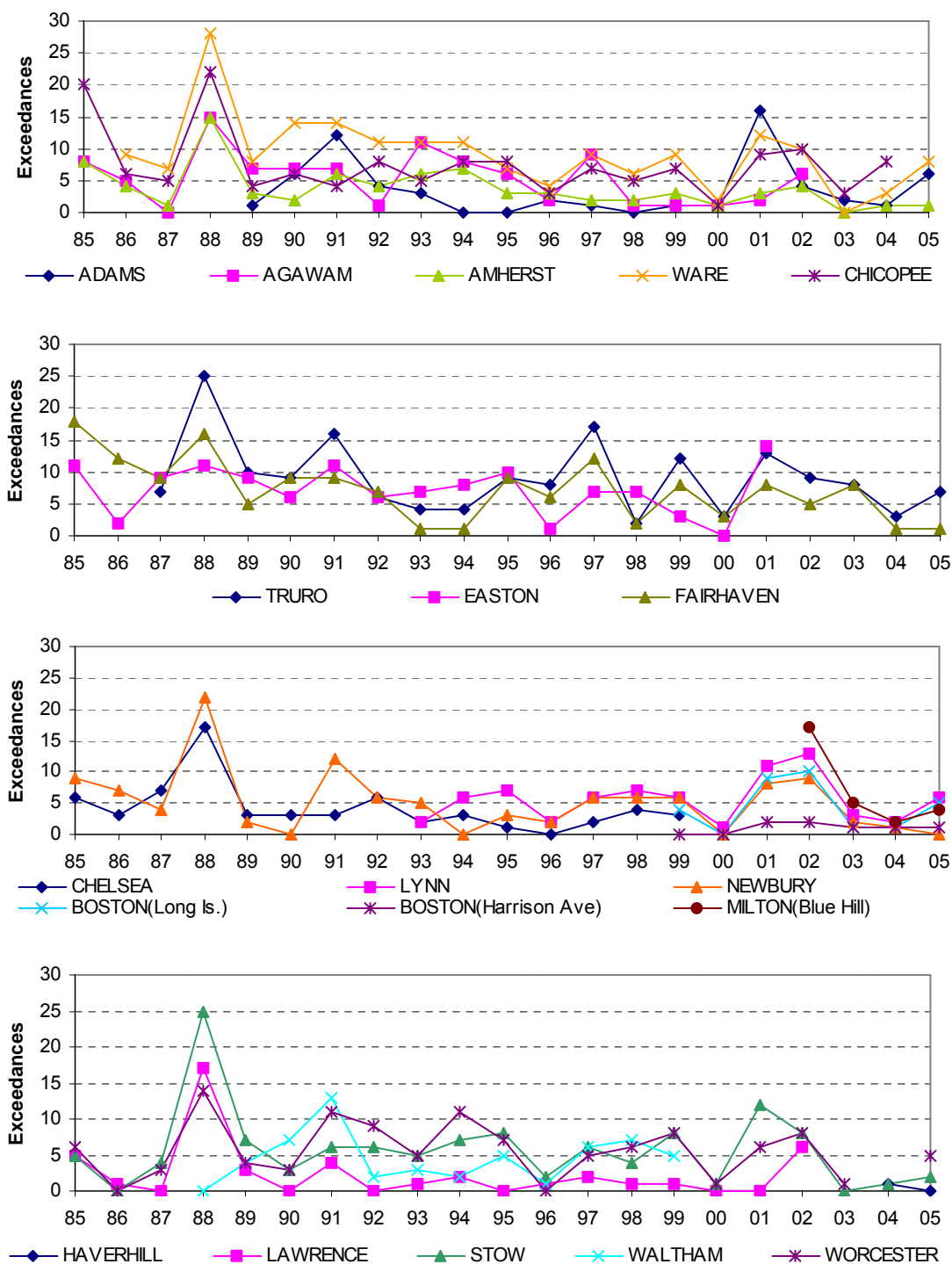
Figure 3
1-hour Ozone Exceedance Trends 1985 – 2005
 Standard = 0.125 ppm (revoked June 15, 2005)



8-hour Ozone Exceedance Trends

The long-term trends of 8-hour ozone exceedances for each site are shown below. The 8-hour standard became effective in 1997.

Figure 4
8-hour Ozone Exceedance Trends 1985 – 2005
Standard = 0.085 ppm



Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Summary

2005 SO₂ Data Summary

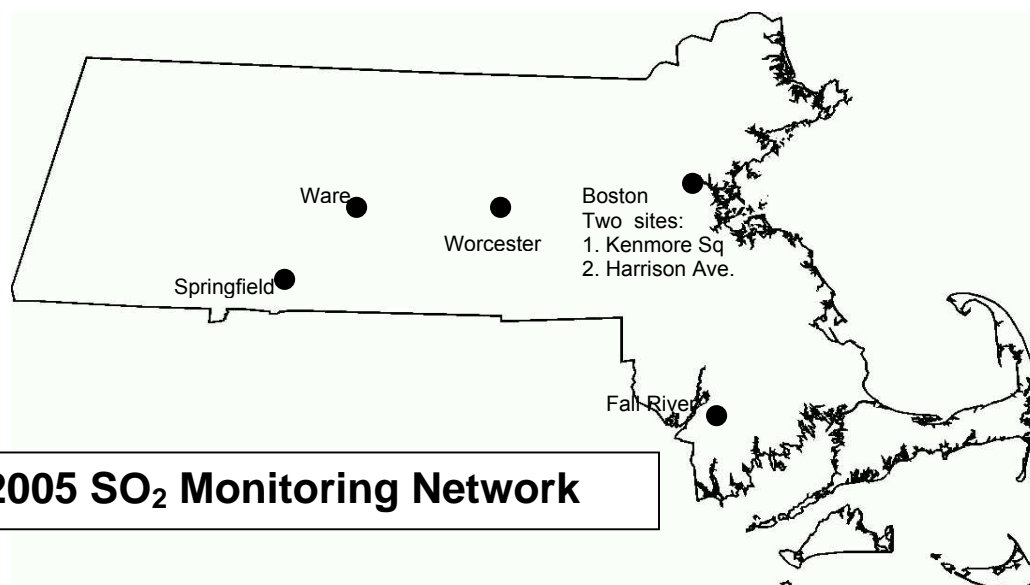
A summary of the 2005 SO₂ data is shown below. There were six SO₂ sites in operation during 2005 in the state-operated monitoring network. All of the sites achieved the requirement of 75% or greater data capture for the year.

| SITE ID | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS YEAR | % OBS | 1 ST | 2 ND | #OBS | 1 ST | 2 ND | #OBS | 1 ST | 2 ND | ARITH MEAN |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | | | | MAX 24-HR | MAX 24-HR | | MAX 3-HR | MAX 3-HR | | MAX 1-HR | MAX 1-HR | |
| 25-025-0002 | Boston | Suffolk | KENMORE SQUARE | 95 | 0.019 | 0.018 | 0 | 0.033 | 0.032 | 0 | 0.037 | 0.037 | 0.0038 |
| 25-025-0042 | Boston | Suffolk | HARRISON AVE | 95 | 0.019 | 0.019 | 0 | 0.044 | 0.032 | 0 | 0.049 | 0.044 | 0.0026 |
| 25-005-1004 | Fall River | Bristol | GLOBE STREET | 97 | 0.031 | 0.020 | 0 | 0.073 | 0.060 | 0 | 0.085 | 0.084 | 0.0052 |
| 25-013-0016 | Springfield | Hampden | LIBERTY STREET | 97 | 0.024 | 0.021 | 0 | 0.049 | 0.037 | 0 | 0.104 | 0.057 | 0.0062 |
| 25-015-4002 | Ware | Hampshire | QUABBIN SUMMIT | 95 | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0 | 0.024 | 0.023 | 0.0033 |
| 25-027-0023 | Worcester | Worcester | SUMMER STREET | 96 | 0.019 | 0.015 | 0 | 0.026 | 0.025 | 0 | 0.035 | 0.034 | 0.0046 |

Standards: Annual Mean = 0.03 ppm 24-hour = 0.14 ppm 3-hour = 0.50 ppm

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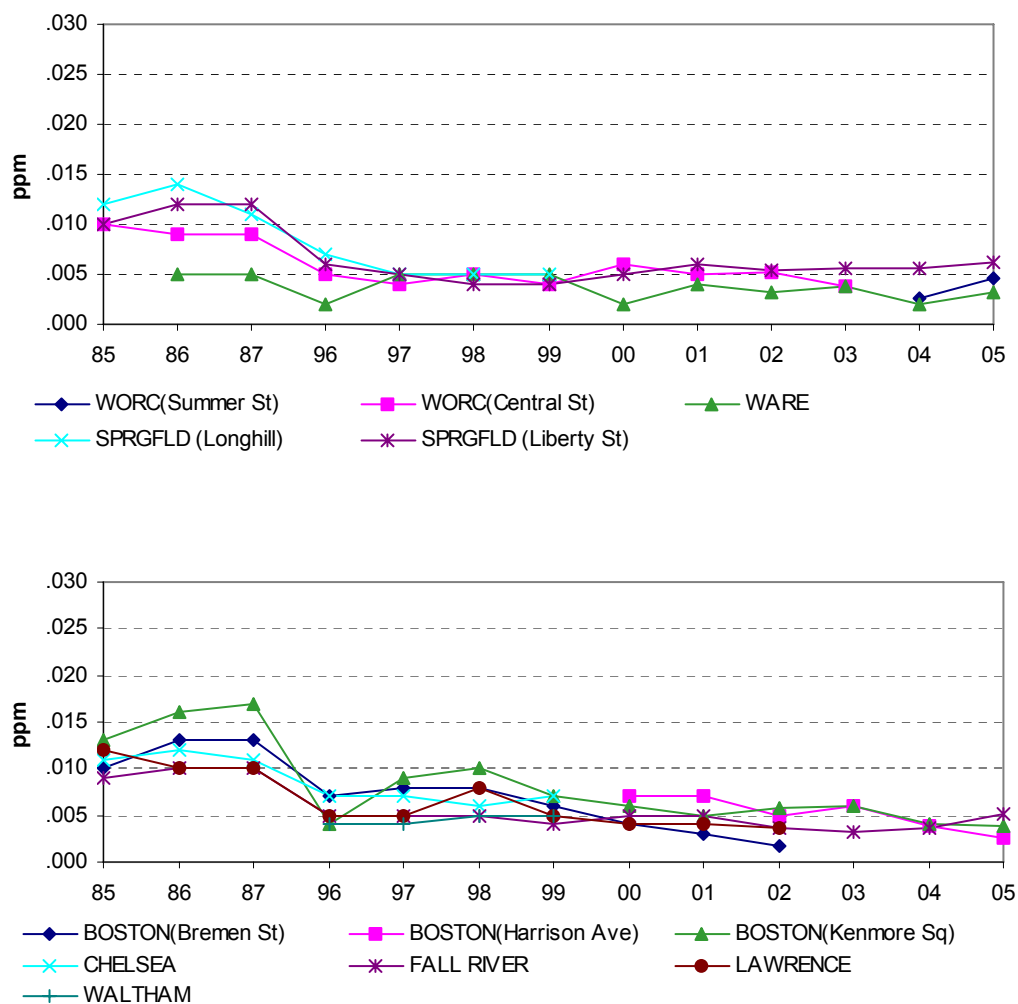
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER **% OBS** = DATA CAPTURE PERCENTAGE **1ST, 2ND MAX 24-HR, MAX 3-HR, MAX 1-HR** = FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST VALUE FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED **# OBS > 0.14** = NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS ABOVE THE 24-HOUR STANDARD OF 0.14 PPM **# OBS > 0.50** = NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS ABOVE THE 3-HOUR STANDARD OF 0.50 PPM **ARITH MEAN** = ANNUAL ARITHMETIC MEAN (STANDARD = 0.03 PPM)



SO₂ Trends

The long-term trends of the annual arithmetic mean for each SO₂ site are shown below. The trend has been stable for the last few years and downward for the entire period. Massachusetts is well below the standard for SO₂.

Figure 5
SO₂ Trends 1985 –2005
Annual Arithmetic Means
Standard = 0.03 ppm



Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) Summary

2005 NO₂ Data Summary

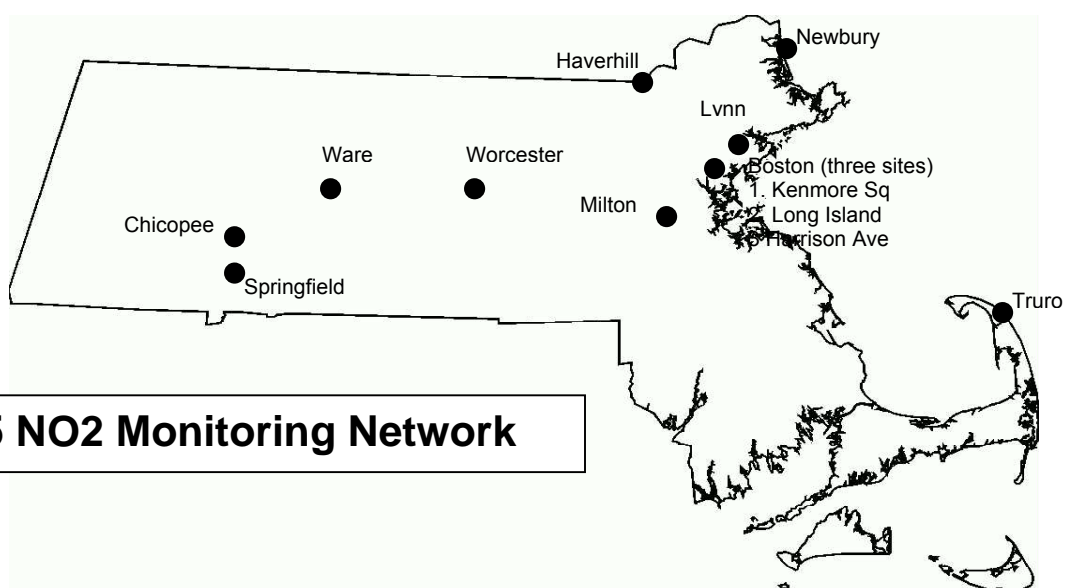
A summary of the 2005 NO₂ data is shown below. There were 12 NO₂ sites in operation during 2005 in the state-operated monitoring network. All of the sites met the requirement of 75% data capture for the year.

| SITE ID | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | % OBS | 1 ST MAX 1-HR | 2 ND MAX 1-HR | ARITH MEAN |
|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 25-025-0002 | Boston | Suffolk | KENMORE SQUARE | 95 | 0.072 | 0.072 | 0.0234 |
| 25-025-0041 | Boston | Suffolk | LONG ISLAND | 93 | 0.080 | 0.045 | 0.0073 |
| 25-025-0042 | Boston | Suffolk | HARRISON AVENUE | 95 | 0.061 | 0.056 | 0.0187 |
| 25-013-0008 | Chicopee | Hampden | ANDERSON ROAD | 88 | 0.072 | 0.05 | 0.0095 |
| 25-009-5005 | Haverhill | Essex | WASHINGTON STREET | 91 | 0.051 | 0.051 | 0.0096 |
| 25-009-2006 | Lynn | Essex | 390 PARKLAND | 94 | 0.053 | 0.053 | 0.0099 |
| 25-021-3003 | Milton | Norfolk | BLUE HILL | 95 | 0.025 | 0.023 | 0.0049 |
| 25-009-4004 | Newbury | Essex | SUNSET BOULEVARD | 91 | 0.026 | 0.026 | 0.0036 |
| 25-013-0016 | Springfield | Hampden | LIBERTY STREET | 92 | 0.054 | 0.053 | 0.0171 |
| 25-001-0002 | Truro | Barnstable | FOX BOTTOM AREA | 89 | 0.009 | 0.009 | 0.0027 |
| 25-015-4002 | Ware | Hampshire | QUABBIN SUMMIT | 93 | 0.059 | 0.059 | 0.0049 |
| 25-027-0023 | Worcester | Worcester | SUMMER STREET | 95 | 0.070 | 0.066 | 0.0148 |

Standard: Annual Arithmetic Mean = 0.053 ppm

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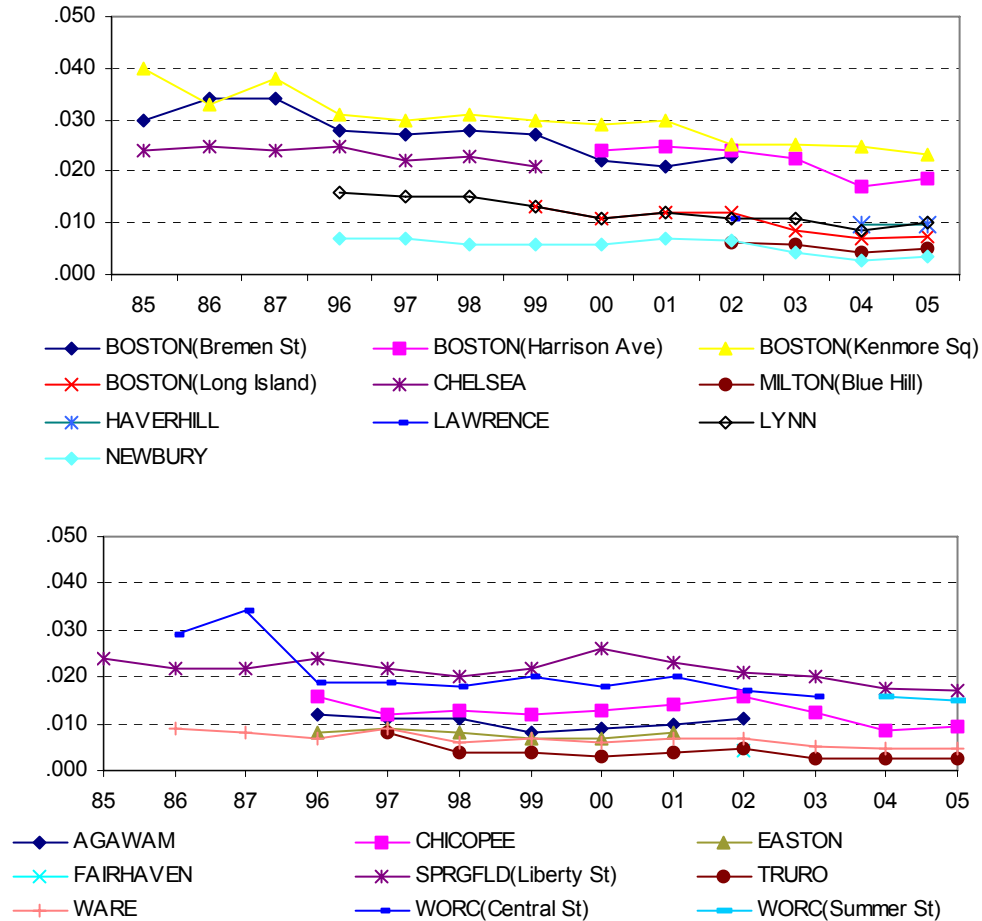
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER % OBS = DATA CAPTURE PERCENTAGE 1ST, 2ND MAX 1-HR = FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST VALUE FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED ARITH MEAN = ANNUAL ARITHMETIC MEAN



NO₂ Trends

The long-term trends of the annual arithmetic means for each NO₂ site are shown below. The trend has been stable the last few years and downward for the entire period. Massachusetts is below the standard.

Figure 6
NO₂ Trends 1985 – 2005
Annual Arithmetic Means
Standard = 0.05 ppm



Carbon Monoxide (CO) Summary

2005 CO Data Summary

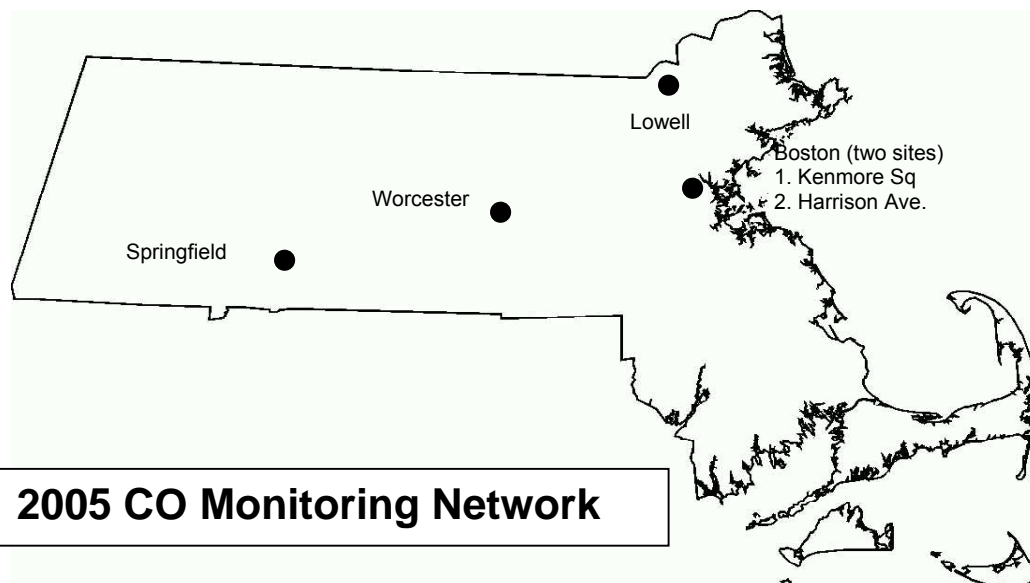
A summary of the 2005 CO data is shown below. There were five CO sites in operation during 2005 in the state-operated monitoring network. All of the sites achieved the requirement of 75% or greater data capture for the year.

| SITE ID | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | % OBS | 1 ST MAX 1-HR | 2 ND MAX 1-HR | OBS >35 | 1 ST MAX 8-HR | 2 ND MAX 8-HR | OBS >9 |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 25-025-0002 | Boston | Suffolk | KENMORE SQUARE | 91 | 2.4 | 2 | 0 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 0 |
| 25-025-0042 | Boston | Suffolk | HARRISON AVENUE | 91 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 |
| 25-017-0007 | Lowell | Middlesex | OLD CITY HALL | 93 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 0 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 0 |
| 25-013-0016 | Springfield | Hampden | LIBERTY STREET | 91 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 0 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 0 |
| 25-027-0023 | Worcester | Worcester | SUMMER STREET | 93 | 4 | 3.3 | 0 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 0 |

Standards: 1-hour = 35 ppm 8-hour = 9 ppm

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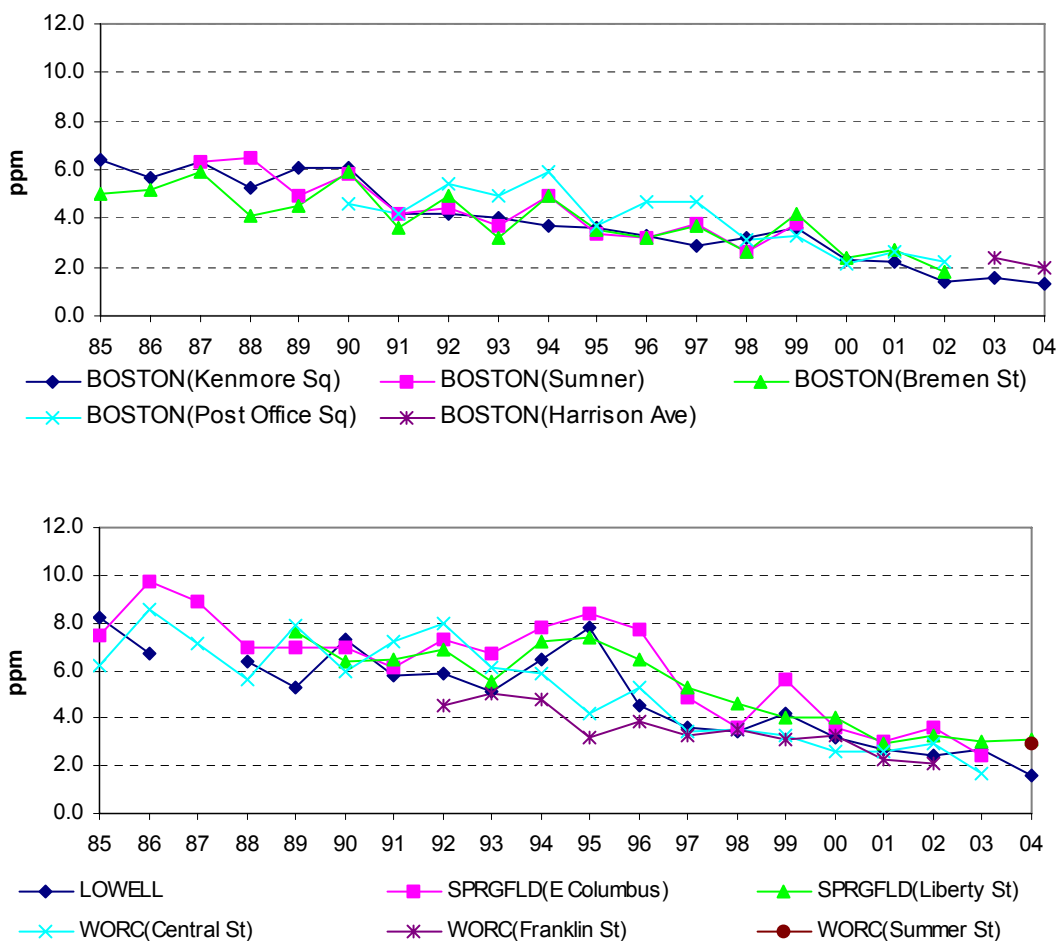
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER **% OBS** = DATA CAPTURE PERCENTAGE **1ST, 2ND MAX 1-HR** = FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST VALUE FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED **OBS > 35** = NUMBER OF 1-HR AVG. GREATER THAN 35 PPM (1-HR STANDARD) **1ST, 2ND MAX 8-HR** = FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST VALUE FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED **OBS > 9** = NUMBER OF 8-HR AVG. GREATER THAN 9 PPM (8-HR STD)



CO Trends

The long-term trends for each CO site are shown below. The 2nd maximum value is displayed because it is the value to which the standard applies. The highest 8-hour values occurred in Springfield. Massachusetts is well below both the 1-hour and 8-hour standards.

Figure 7
CO Trends 1985-2005
2nd Maximum 8-hour Values
Standard = 9 ppm



Particulate Matter 10 Microns (PM₁₀) Summary

2005 PM₁₀ Data Summary

A summary of the 2005 PM₁₀ data is shown below. There were six PM₁₀ sites in operation during 2005 in the state-operated monitoring network. All of the sites achieved the requirement of 75% or greater data capture for the year.

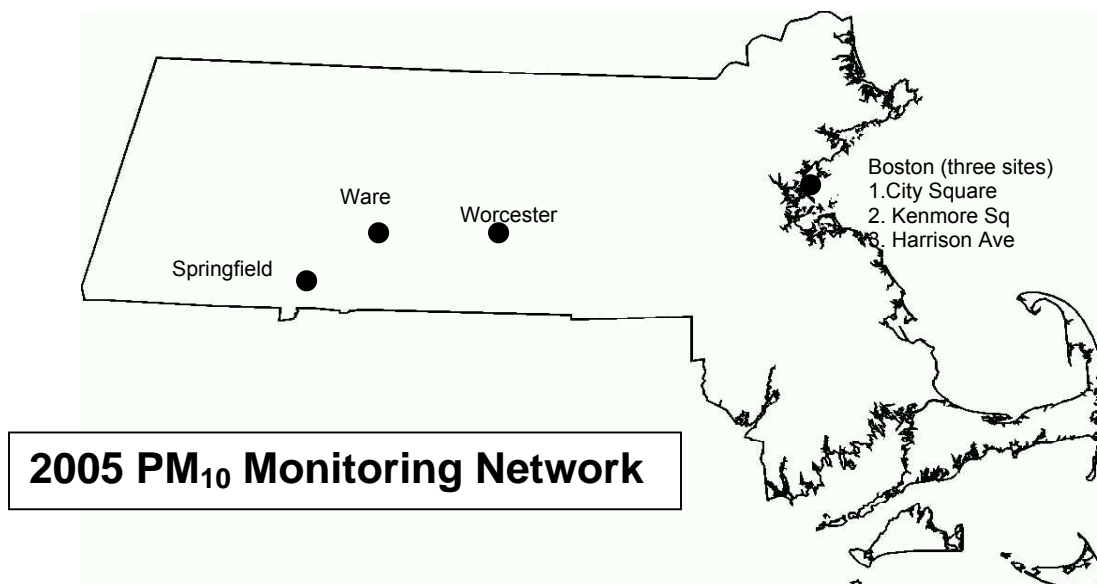
| SITE ID | TYPE | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | YEAR | % OBS | 1 ST MAX | 2 ND MAX | 3 RD MAX | 4 TH MAX | DAY MAX >150 | EST DAYS >150 | WTD ARITH MEAN |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 25-025-0002 | Lo-Vol | Boston | Suffolk | KENMORE SQUARE | | 79 | 63 | 58 | 53 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 28.9* |
| 25-025-0027 | Lo-Vol | Boston | Suffolk | ONE CITY SQUARE | | 84 | 48 | 40 | 39 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 23.0* |
| 25-025-0027 | Lo-Vol Co-loc | Boston | Suffolk | ONE CITY SQUARE | | 88 | 40 | 31 | 29 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 22.3* |
| 25-025-0042 | Hi-Vol | Boston | Suffolk | HARRISON AVENUE | | 93 | 76 | 38 | 36 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 20.1 |
| 25-025-0042 | Hi-Vol Co-loc | Boston | Suffolk | HARRISON AVENUE | | 89 | 42 | 37 | 34 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 18.6 |
| 25-025-0042 | Lo-Vol | Boston | Suffolk | HARRISON AVENUE | | 90 | 40 | 39 | 39 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 20.5* |
| 25-025-0042 | Lo-Vol Co-loc | Boston | Suffolk | HARRISON AVENUE | | 81 | 41 | 40 | 39 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 21.4* |
| 25-013-2009 | Lo-Vol | Springfield | Hampden | 1860 MAIN STREET | | 79 | 61 | 53 | 47 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 23.6* |
| 25-015-4002 | Lo-Vol | Ware | Hampshire | QUABBIN SUMMIT | | 89 | 47 | 33 | 31 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 12.9* |
| 25-027-0023 | Lo-Vol | Worcester | Worcester | SUMMER STREET | | 85 | 58 | 53 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25.6* |

25 INDICATES THAT THE MEAN DOES NOT SATISFY SUMMARY CRITERIA (NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS FOR AT LEAST 1 QUARTER WAS LESS THAN 75%)

PM₁₀ Hi Vol Standards: 24-hour = 150 µg/m³ PM₁₀ Hi Vol Annual Arithmetic Mean = 50 µg/m³

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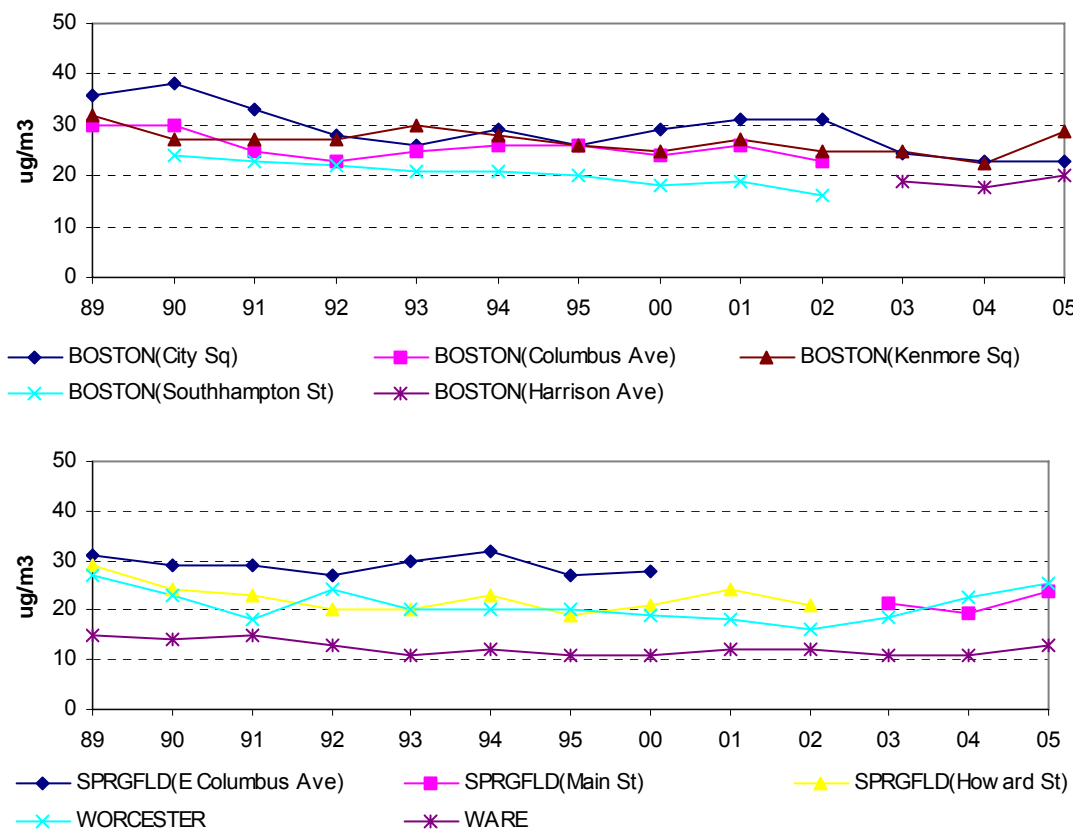
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER % OBS = DATA CAPTURE PERCENTAGE 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH 24-HR MAX = 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH HIGHEST 24-HOUR VALUES FOR THE YEAR DAY MAX > 150 = DAILY MAXIMUM VALUE GREATER THAN STANDARD OF 150 µg/m³ WTD ARITH MEAN = WEIGHTED ANNUAL ARITHMETIC MEAN (STANDARD = 50 µg/m³)



PM₁₀ Trends

Long-term trends for each PM₁₀ site are shown below for the annual arithmetic mean. The data shows a yearly variability at most sites, with the overall trend being downward.

Figure 8
PM₁₀ Trends 1989-2005
Annual Arithmetic Mean
Standard = 50 ug/m3



Particulate Matter 2.5 Microns (PM_{2.5}) Summary

2005 PM_{2.5} Operations

The MassDEP PM_{2.5} sampling network has been operating since January 1999. In December 2004, USEPA designated the entire State as “Attainment/Unclassifiable” on the basis of measured PM_{2.5} concentrations. An ambitious program of sampler replacement has since been accomplished in conjunction with a rigorous preventative maintenance program that has helped to improve overall data capture.

Semi-Continuous PM_{2.5} Measurement

MassDEP recently completed the deployment of a network of 10 semi-continuous PM_{2.5} samplers at monitoring stations around the state. These Beta Attenuation Monitors (BAMs) employ technology that conducts hourly measurements of PM_{2.5} particulate concentrations. The BAM method is referred to as a semi-continuous method because only one measurement is made every hour, in contrast to the truly continuous measurements made by the gaseous pollutant monitors in which sample collection is ongoing.

Beginning in 2001, Massachusetts installed BAMs at a limited number of urban sites to gain experience with the new technology and to compare the data from the new samplers with data coming from the existing Federal Reference Method (FRM) PM_{2.5} network. The BAM samplers proved to be advantageous in that they collect hourly samples of PM and display the results within 5 minutes of the hour in which the sample is collected, unlike the FRM samplers that collect only 1 sample in a 24-hour period with results not available for several days after collection pending analysis of the sample filter at the MassDEP Laboratory in Lawrence.

There are several advantages to using BAMs technology for collecting PM_{2.5} data, one being that samples are collected hourly seven days a week, unlike the conventional PM_{2.5} methods that collect only 2 samples per week. Another big advantage is the ability to immediately retrieve data from the monitoring stations remotely using a standard modem and phone line. This makes the data very useful for examining daily fluctuations in pollutant levels and providing the public with near real-time information on local air quality.

In 2003, USEPA began providing a website where the public can view concentration gradient maps that graphically display data coming in from the 10 semi-continuous monitoring stations. Different colors on the map are used to indicate the PM concentration of the samples that were collected for each hour of the day. The website address for viewing the map is:

www.epa.gov/airnow/.

2005 PM_{2.5} Data Summary

A summary of the 2005 PM_{2.5} data is shown below.

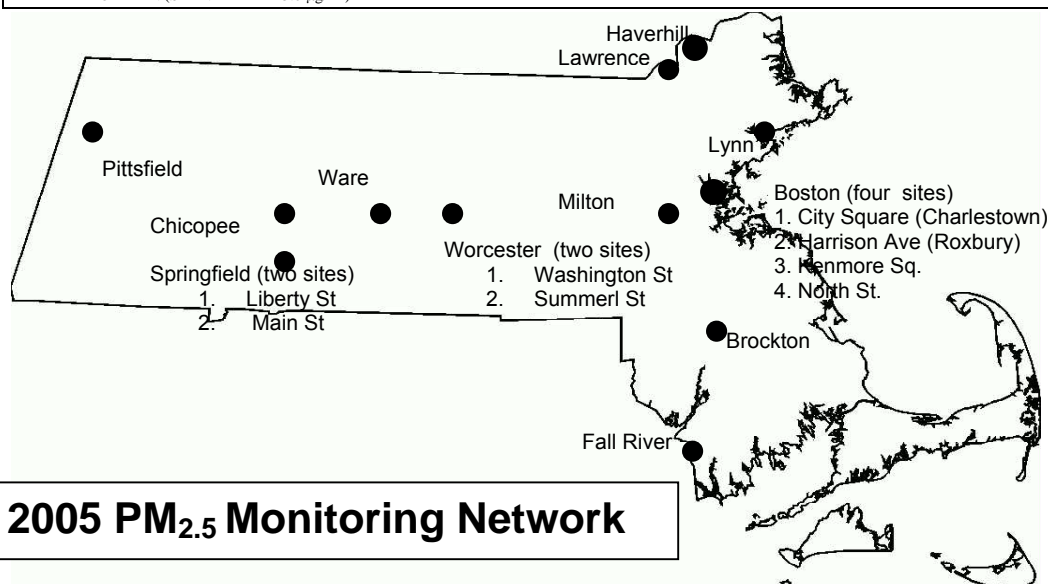
| SITE ID | TYPE | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | YEAR | % OBS | 1 ST MAX | 2 ND MAX | 3 RD MAX | 4 TH MAX | 98 TH PERCENTILE VALUE | WTD ARITH MEAN |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 25-025-0002 | FRM | Boston | Suffolk | KENMORE SQUARE | | 98 | 32 | 31.1 | 28.9 | 28.6 | 28.9 | 12.87 |
| 25-025-0027 | FRM | Boston | Suffolk | ONE CITY SQUARE | | 100 | 34.1 | 33.8 | 31.6 | 29.5 | 31.6 | 11.78 |
| 25-025-0027 | FRM Co-loc | Boston | Suffolk | ONE CITY SQUARE | | 67 | 33.4 | 24.3 | 23 | 22.4 | 33.4 | 13.38* |
| 25-025-0042 | FRM | Boston | Suffolk | HARRISON AVENUE | | 94 | 33.4 | 32.9 | 28.6 | 28.2 | 28.6 | 11.33 |
| 25-025-0042 | BAM | Boston | Suffolk | HARRISON AVENUE | | 96 | 45.5 | 40.9 | 40.8 | 38.2 | 32.1 | 11.67 |
| 25-025-0043 | FRM | Boston | Suffolk | 174 NORTH STREET | | 78 | 42.1 | 40.6 | 38.7 | 38 | 38.7 | 13.71 |
| 25-025-0043 | FRM Co-loc | Boston | Suffolk | 174 NORTH STREET | | 67 | 46.9 | 38.2 | 36.1 | 34.1 | 38.2 | 13.33* |
| 25-025-0043 | BAM | Boston | Suffolk | 174 NORTH STREET | | 98 | 46.5 | 40.6 | 37.8 | 34.9 | 32.4 | 13.38 |
| 25-023-0004 | FRM | Brockton | Plymouth | 120 COMMERCIAL ST | | 97 | 37 | 32.6 | 27.4 | 27.3 | 27.4 | 10.49 |
| 25-023-0004 | FRM Co-loc | Brockton | Plymouth | 120 COMMERCIAL ST | | 76 | 37.2 | 32.5 | 31.5 | 26.9 | 32.5 | 11.11* |
| 25-013-0008 | FRM | Chicopee | Hampden | ANDERSON ROAD | | 92 | 38.2 | 28.2 | 26.1 | 25.2 | 26.1 | 10.63 |
| 25-005-1004 | FRM | Fall River | Bristol | GLOBE STREET ST | | 89 | 30.3 | 25.7 | 21.9 | 21.9 | 21.9 | 10.05* |
| 25-005-1004 | BAM | Fall River | Bristol | GLOBE STREET ST | | 96 | 43.5 | 37.6 | 35.3 | 34.8 | 29.5 | 10.21 |
| 25-009-5005 | FRM | Haverhill | Essex | WASHINGTON ST | | 97 | 35 | 27.7 | 27.3 | 24.7 | 27.3 | 9.44 |
| 25-009-5005 | BAM | Haverhill | Essex | WASHINGTON ST | | 98 | 39.1 | 37.2 | 32.5 | 32.5 | 26.1 | 8.66 |
| 25-009-6001 | FRM | Lawrence | Essex | WALL EXPERIMENT | | 100 | 36.3 | 33.6 | 27.5 | 24.9 | 27.5 | 9.87 |
| 25-009-6001 | FRM Co-loc | Lawrence | Essex | WALL EXPERIMENT | | 69 | 34.4 | 27.5 | 26 | 24.1 | 27.5 | 10.28* |
| 25-009-2006 | FRM | Lynn | Essex | 390 PARKLAND ST | | 97 | 32.6 | 30.5 | 27.1 | 25.7 | 27.1 | 9.48 |
| 25-009-2006 | BAM | Lynn | Essex | 390 PARKLAND ST | | 97 | 23 | 20.6 | 19.8 | 17.6 | 20.6 | 6.08* |
| 25-021-3003 | BAM | Milton | Norfolk | BLUE HILL | | 76 | 46.6 | 40.6 | 37.3 | 33.5 | 28.2 | 7.40* |
| 25-003-0006 | BAM | Pittsfield | Berkshire | BERKSHIRE COMMON | | 97 | 25 | 24.8 | 24.1 | 17.7 | 25 | 11.92* |
| 25-003-5001 | FRM | Pittsfield | Berkshire | 78 CENTER STREET | | 93 | 39.7 | 36.9 | 33.5 | 32.7 | 33.5 | 11.84 |
| 25-013-0016 | FRM | Springfield | Hampden | LIBERTY STREET | | 98 | 44 | 38.1 | 29.9 | 28.8 | 29.9 | 12.69 |
| 25-013-0016 | FRM Co-loc | Springfield | Hampden | LIBERTY STREET | | 70 | 29.5 | 28.9 | 28.1 | 26.4 | 28.9 | 11.28* |
| 25-013-0016 | BAM | Springfield | Hampden | LIBERTY STREET | | 99 | 49.9 | 48.9 | 46.1 | 46 | 36.9 | 10.86 |
| 25-013-2009 | FRM | Springfield | Hampden | 1860 MAIN STREET | | 79 | 44.2 | 43.4 | 29.9 | 27.9 | 43.4 | 12.81* |
| 25-015-4002 | BAM | Ware | Hampshire | QUABBIN SUMMIT | | 98 | 37 | 37 | 33.9 | 27.3 | 27.3 | 8.64* |
| 25-027-0016 | FRM | Worcester | Worcester | 2 WASHINGTON | | 96 | 35.9 | 33.5 | 30.6 | 27.9 | 30.6 | 11.3 |
| 25-027-0023 | FRM | Worcester | Worcester | SUMMER STREET | | 98 | 36.3 | 35.5 | 30.7 | 29.1 | 30.7 | 12.22 |
| 25-027-0023 | BAM | Worcester | Worcester | SUMMER STREET | | 98 | 37.6 | 35.4 | 35.3 | 35.1 | 32.3 | 9.82 |

* INDICATES THAT THE MEAN DOES NOT SATISFY SUMMARY CRITERIA (NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS FOR AT LEAST 1 QUARTER WAS LESS THAN 75%) (Currently BAM data has no standard.)

Standards (based on 3-year averages): 24-hours = 65 µg/m³ Annual Arithmetic Mean = 15.0 µg/m³

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE

SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION **TYPE** = TYPE OF INSTRUMENT **FRM** = FEDERAL REFERENCE METHOD; **FRM COLOC** = FED. REF. METH. COLOCATED **BAM** = BETA ATTENUATION MONITOR **1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH MAX** = 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH HIGHEST 24-HOUR VALUES FOR THE YEAR **WTD ARITH MEAN** = WEIGHTED ANNUAL ARITHMETIC MEAN (STANDARD = 15.0 µg/m³)



Speciation

MassDEP has been collecting PM_{2.5} samples for speciation at the air monitoring station in Roxbury since 2000 and in Chicopee since 2001. Speciation is the analysis of particulate matter collected on quartz filters to determine the chemical composition of the particulate matter collected. The results are used to determine the levels of specific toxic air pollutants present in the atmosphere, and to provide clues about the nature and identity of air pollution sources that impact the monitoring station area. During each sampling event, three separate filters made of different materials are collected and shipped to an out-of-state national contract laboratory for analysis. Each different filter medium is analyzed for a different category of pollutant. These include elements (e.g., metals), sulfates, nitrates, and carbon (total and organic).

IMPROVE (Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments)

Massachusetts currently has two IMPROVE monitors at the Ware and Truro sites. The Wampanoag Indian Tribe operates a third IMPROVE sampler at their Martha's Vineyard site. These samplers acquire PM_{2.5} filter samples for speciation analysis using a different protocol than that of the speciation program described above. IMPROVE is a nationwide program designed to assess air quality at rural locations where air pollution may impact visibility over long distances (e.g., mountain ranges or scenic vistas). Data can be viewed at the IMPROVE web site at <http://vista.cira.colostate.edu/improve/Data/data.htm>.

Lead (Pb) Summary

2005 Pb Data Summary

MassDEP operates a total suspended particulates (TSP) sampler at only one site to measure airborne lead levels. The concentrations monitored are low. Since 1975, the use of unleaded gasoline has greatly diminished lead emissions from automobiles, which in the past were the primary source of airborne lead in the atmosphere. A summary of the 2005 Pb data is shown below.

| | | | | | QTR1 | QTR2 | QTR3 | QTR4 | # | | |
|-------------|--------|---------|----------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | | | # | ARITH | ARITH | ARITH | ARITH | MEANS | 1 ST | 2 ND |
| SITE ID | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | OBS | MEAN | MEAN | MEAN | MEAN | > 1.5 | MAX | MAX |
| 25-025-0002 | Boston | Suffolk | KENMORE SQUARE | 40 | .01* | .02* | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0 | 0.05 | 0.04 |

25 INDICATES THAT THE MEAN DOES NOT SATISFY SUMMARY CRITERIA (NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS FOR AT LEAST 1 QUARTER WAS LESS THAN 75%)

Standard: 1.5 µg/m³ (Calendar Quarter Arithmetic Mean)

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE

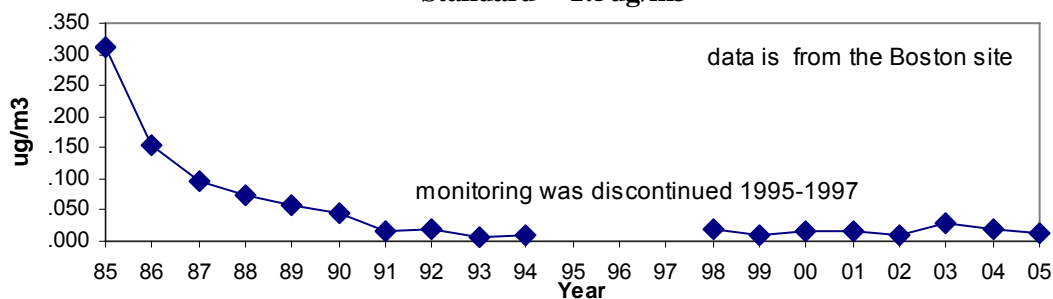
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION **# OBS** = # OBSERVATIONS **QTR1, QTR2, QTR3, QTR4** ARITH MEAN = THE MEANS FOR THE 1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH CALENDAR QUARTERS **# MEANS > 1.5** = THE NUMBER OF CALENDAR QUARTER MEANS GREATER THAN THE STANDARD (1.5 µg/m³) **1ST, 2ND MAX** = THE 1ST AND 2ND MAXIMUM 24 HOUR VALUES

Figure 9

Pb Concentrations 1985-2005

Annual Arithmetic Mean

Standard = 1.5ug/m3



Industrial Network Summary

Introduction

The industrial ambient air quality network is comprised of monitoring stations operated by facilities that have the potential to emit large amounts of pollutants. An example would be a fossil fuel-fired power plant that has the potential to emit large quantities of SO₂.

The monitoring stations in the industrial network are sited to measure the maximum values from the specific point source. When the pollutant SO₂ value reaches certain trigger values, the power plant switches to lower-sulfur content fuel.

The data from the industrial network is submitted to MassDEP's Air Assessment Branch. AAB submits the data to the USEPA AQS database after completing the quality assurance process.

Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS)

In addition to the ambient monitoring network, in-stack Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS) equipment is required at certain facilities by a MassDEP-issued permit or other state and federal regulations. For example, the federal Acid Rain Program requires CEMS enabling measurement of SO₂, NO_x and CO₂ emissions from the nation's largest power generating facilities. The information on emissions collected by CEMS monitors can be found on USEPA's web site at www.epa.gov/airmarkets/arp/.

Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) summary

There were four SO₂ sites in operation during 2005 in the industrial network. All of the sites achieved the requirement of 75% or greater data capture for the year. There were no measured violations of the SO₂ air quality standards during the year in the reported data. A summary of the 2005 SO₂ data is shown below.

| SITE ID | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | 1 ST 2 ND | | | | 1 ST 2 ND | | | | 1 ST 2 ND | | ARITH |
|-------------|--------|---------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|------|---------------------------------|-------|------|-------|---------------------------------|--------|-------|
| | | | | % | MAX | MAX | #OBS | MAX | MAX | #OBS | MAX | MAX | MEAN | |
| 25-025-0019 | Boston | Suffolk | LONG ISLAND | 99 | 0.018 | 0.014 | 0 | 0.033 | 0.031 | 0 | 0.034 | 0.033 | 0.0042 | |
| 25-025-0020 | Boston | Suffolk | DEWAR STREET | 99 | 0.015 | 0.014 | 0 | 0.028 | 0.026 | 0 | 0.029 | 0.028 | 0.0039 | |
| 25-025-0021 | Boston | Suffolk | 340 BREMEN STREET | 99 | 0.023 | 0.022 | 0 | 0.043 | 0.041 | 0 | 0.046 | 0.045 | 0.0058 | |
| 25-025-0040 | Boston | Suffolk | 531A EAST FIRST STREET | 95 | 0.055 | 0.04 | 0 | 0.089 | 0.085 | 0 | 0.105 | 0.095 | 0.0056 | |

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE

SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER **%OBS** = DATA CAPTURE PERCENTAGE **1ST, 2ND MAX 24-HR, MAX 3-HR, MAX 1-HR** = FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST 24-HOUR, 3-HOUR, AND 1-HOUR VALUES FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED **#OBS > 0.14** = NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS ABOVE THE 24-HOUR STANDARD OF 0.14 PPM **#OBS > 0.5** = NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS ABOVE THE 3-HOUR STANDARD OF 0.5 PPM **ARITH MEAN** = ARITHMETIC MEAN (STANDARD = 0.03 PPM)

Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) summary

There was one NO₂ site that operated during 2005 in the industrial network. The site was owned by Exelon Energy in Boston (East First St.) but was operated by ENSR International. It met the requirement of 75% or greater data capture. There were no reported violations of the NO₂ air quality standard during the year.

A summary of the 2005 NO₂ data is shown below.

| SITE ID | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | % OBS | 1 ST MAX 1-HR | 2 ND MAX 1-HR | ARITH MEAN |
|-------------|--------|---------|------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 25-025-0040 | Boston | Suffolk | 531A EAST FIRST STREET | 93 | 0.113 | 0.089 | 0.018 |

PRIMARY STANDARD: ANNUAL ARITHMETIC MEAN = 0.053 PPM

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE

SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER **%OBS** = DATA CAPTURE PERCENTAGE **MAX 1-HR 1ST, 2ND** = FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST VALUE FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED **ARITH MEAN** = ARITHMETIC MEAN (STANDARD = 0.053 PPM)

Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) summary

There were four TSP sites that operated during 2005 in the industrial network. The sites were owned by Exelon Energy in Boston but were operated by ENSR International. All of the sites met the requirement of 75% or greater data capture.

TSP is no longer a criteria pollutant (PM₁₀ replaced it as the particulate standard in 1987), so there is no longer a standard for it. A summary of the 2005 TSP data is shown below.

| SITE ID | TYPE | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | % OBS | 1 ST MAX | 2 ND MAX | 3 RD MAX | 4 TH MAX | ARITH MEAN | GEO MEAN | GEO STD |
|-------------|----------|--------|---------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| 25-025-0019 | NC | Boston | Suffolk | LONG ISLAND | 95 | 47 | 44 | 44 | 41 | 22.6 | 20.5 | 1.6 |
| 25-025-0020 | NC | Boston | Suffolk | DEWAR STREET | 96 | 240 | 215 | 196 | 168 | 79.2 | 66.8 | 1.8 |
| 25-025-0021 | NC | Boston | Suffolk | 340 BREMEN STREET | 100 | 194 | 183 | 152 | 137 | 62.8 | 54.9 | 1.7 |
| 25-025-0040 | NC | Boston | Suffolk | 531A EAST FIRST STREET | 96 | 152 | 147 | 119 | 117 | 51.7 | 45.8 | 1.6 |
| 25-025-0040 | NC Coloc | Boston | Suffolk | 531A EAST FIRST STREET | 95 | 155 | 152 | 118 | 115 | 53.1 | 47.1 | 1.6 |

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE

SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER **TYPE** = TYPE OF INSTRUMENT – **NC** = NON CONTINUOUS, **NC COLOC** – NON CONTINUOUS COLOCATED. **% OBS** = DATA CAPTURE PERCENTAGE **1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH MAX** = 1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH HIGHEST 24-HOUR VALUES FOR THE YEAR **ARITH MEAN** = ARITHMETIC MEAN **GEO MEAN** = GEOMETRIC MEAN **GEO STD** = GEOMETRIC STANDARD DEVIATION

Sulfate (SO₄) summary

There were four SO₄ sites that operated during 2005 in the industrial network. The sites were owned by Exelon Energy in Boston but were operated by ENSR International. All of the sites met the requirement of 75% or greater data capture.

SO₄ is not a criteria pollutant so there are no ambient air quality standard for SO₄. A summary of the 2005 SO₄ data is shown below.

| SITE ID | TYPE | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | # OBS | 1 ST MAX | 2 ND MAX | 3 RD MAX | 4 TH MAX | ARITH MEAN |
|-------------|----------|--------|---------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 25-025-0019 | NC | Boston | Suffolk | LONG ISLAND | 58 | 36 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 6.55 |
| 25-025-0020 | NC | Boston | Suffolk | DEWAR STREET | 59 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 6.71 |
| 25-025-0021 | NC | Boston | Suffolk | 340 BREMEN STREET | 61 | 20 | 19 | 17 | 14 | 7.77 |
| 25-025-0040 | NC | Boston | Suffolk | 531A EAST FIRST STREET | 58 | 19 | 17 | 17 | 12 | 7.79 |
| 25-025-0040 | NC Coloc | Boston | Suffolk | 531A EAST FIRST STREET | 58 | 19 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 7.71 |

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Quality Control and Quality Assurance

Introduction

To ensure that ambient air quality data is of high quality, MassDEP has developed standard operating procedures (SOPs) that include quality control and quality assurance techniques that assess the quality and document the activities performed in collecting the data.

Quality Control

Quality control (QC) is comprised of those activities performed by personnel who are directly involved in the generation (i.e., collection) of data. Examples of personnel who perform QC functions are site operators and laboratory support personnel. QC activities include calibrations, data validation procedures, and performance checks of the ambient air monitors to assess the precision of the data. Documentation of all activities and site information further augment accurate data collection.

Data Quality Review

MassDEP's Air Assessment Branch has a data group that reviews data. This group checks all precision and accuracy activities as well as raw data, quality assurance checks, and documentation. The group uses report software for data validation. The data group edits the data as required and transfers it to the USEPA AQS database where it undergoes further scrutiny before being moved into the permanent database.

Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance (QA) is comprised of those activities performed by personnel who are not directly involved in the generation of the data and who may therefore make an unbiased assessment of the data quality. QA activities include performance audit checks of the ambient air monitors to assess the accuracy of the data.

Precision and Accuracy

Precision is defined as a measure of the repeatability of a measurement system. Accuracy is defined as a measure of the closeness of an observed measurement value to the actual value.

QC and QA performance checks allow the precision and accuracy of ambient air monitors to be quantified. This is accomplished by testing the monitor's response to known inputs in order to assess the measurement error. The QC performance checks assess the precision, while the QA performance checks assess the accuracy. The requirements and techniques for performing precision and accuracy performance checks are established in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 40, Part 58, Appendix A.

How Precision and Accuracy is Described

Precision and accuracy are given in the context of upper and lower 95-percentile probability limits for each pollutant parameter. The meaning of the 95-percentile limits is that 95% of the data for a

parameter is estimated to be precise or accurate to within the percentage range defined by the upper and lower limits.

As an example, if the upper and lower 95-percentile limits for a parameter based upon precision checks are calculated to be +4.3% and -7.4%, then 95% of the data is precise within the range of +4.3% through -7.4%.

2005 Precision and Accuracy Summary

As a goal, the 95-percentile probability limits for precision (all parameters) and PM₁₀ and TSP accuracy should be less than $\pm 15\%$. The 95-percentile probability limits for accuracy for all other parameters should be less than $\pm 20\%$. Three response levels are audited: low (L1) 6-16% of full scale, mid (L2) 30- 40%, and high (L3) 70-90%. A summary of the 2005 precision and accuracy data is shown below.

| PRECISION AND ACCURACY DATA KEY | | | | | | | PRECISION DATA | | | | ACCURACY DATA | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------|----------------|--------|-------|------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--|
| | | | | | | | # OF | # PREC | PROB | LIM | # AUDITS | PROB | LIM | PROB | LIM | PROB | LIM | |
| RG | ST | RO | TYP | CLASS | POLL | YEAR-Q | ANLYZRS | CHECKS | LO | UP | L1-3 | LO-L1 | -UP | LO-L2 | -UP | LO-L3 | -UP | |
| 01 | 25 | 001 | C | A | CO | 2005 | 5 | 123 | -5.2 | 3.2 | 15 | -11.0 | .5 | -16.7 | -2.8 | -16.7 | -4 | |
| CARBON MONOXIDE | | | | | | 2005-1 | 5 | 32 | -2.4 | 1.5 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2005-2 | 5 | 31 | -3.0 | 2.5 | 3 | -6.5 | -2.7 | -8.2 | -8.2 | -10.4 | -6.2 | |
| | | | | | | 2005-3 | 5 | 30 | -7.7 | 4.2 | 6 | -11.5 | -4.2 | -15.5 | -11.3 | -14.9 | -9.2 | |
| | | | | | | 2005-4 | 5 | 30 | -5.2 | 2.2 | 3 | -13.6 | 2.2 | -19.8 | -1.8 | -20.2 | 2.8 | |
| 01 | 25 | 001 | C | A | SO2 | 2005 | 6 | 158 | -11.9 | 2.8 | 27 | -5.7 | 7.0 | -9.0 | 4.3 | -7.7 | 6.0 | |
| SULFUR DIOXIDE | | | | | | 2005-1 | 6 | 40 | -9.8 | 0.4 | 9 | -4.9 | 8/6 | -5.3 | 5.7 | -3.1 | 7.5 | |
| | | | | | | 2005-2 | 6 | 39 | -10.6 | 2.0 | 3 | -3.6 | 8.4 | -4.2 | 5.2 | -2.1 | 6.6 | |
| | | | | | | 2005-3 | 6 | 40 | -13.6 | 4.9 | 6 | -11.7 | 7.5 | -11.4 | 0.0 | -9.2 | 0.6 | |
| | | | | | | 2005-4 | 6 | 39 | -10.3 | 0.7 | 9 | -2.7 | 2.7 | -6.5 | -1.4 | -5.7 | 0.3 | |
| 01 | 25 | 001 | C | A | NO2 | 2005 | 12 | 250 | -8.8 | 4.9 | 45 | -14.3 | 2.2 | -13.3 | 2.0 | -12.0 | 1.8 | |
| NITROGEN DIOXIDE | | | | | | 2005-1 | 8 | 51 | -9.0 | 4.2 | 6 | -1.2 | 2.5 | -5.0 | 5.5 | -5.0 | 4.3 | |
| | | | | | | 2005-2 | 12 | 70 | -9.3 | 4.5 | 15 | -14.6 | 1.1 | -14.4 | 2.4 | -13.6 | 2.3 | |
| | | | | | | 2005-3 | 12 | 78 | -8.0 | 4.9 | 15 | -14.6 | 0.9 | -12.3 | -2.4 | -11.0 | -2.2 | |
| | | | | | | 2005-4 | 8 | 51 | -7.2 | 3.8 | 9 | -13.6 | 0.2 | -12.5 | 0.4 | -11.6 | 1.6 | |
| 01 | 25 | 001 | C | A | O3 | 2005 | 14 | 230 | -4.6 | 2.7 | 48 | -7.1 | 7.0 | -5.3 | 8.1 | -4.6 | 8.3 | |
| OZONE | | | | | | 2005-1 | 4 | 25 | -4.6 | 1.1 | 6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 1.3 | 6.1 | 1.0 | 7.2 | |
| | | | | | | 2005-2 | 14 | 89 | -3.7 | 3.6 | 15 | -3.8 | 4.9 | -2.4 | 6.3 | -2.2 | 6.8 | |
| | | | | | | 2005-3 | 14 | 90 | -3.4 | 1.7 | 21 | -4.9 | 5.5 | -3.3 | 7.0 | -2.3 | 6.9 | |
| | | | | | | 2005-4 | 4 | 26 | -6.9 | -0.1 | 6 | -20.1 | 9.4 | -17.2 | 9.7 | -15.3 | 8.3 | |
| PRECISION AND ACCURACY DATA KEY | | | | | | | # OF | COLLOC | PROB | LIM | # AUDITS | | PROB | LIM | | | | |
| RG | ST | RO | TYP | CLASS | POLL | YEAR-Q | SAMP | SITES | LO | UP | L1-L3 | L4 | LO-L1 | UP | | | | |
| 01 | 25 | 001 | I | F | PM2.5 | 2005 | 489 | 5 | 12.5 | 14.1 | 77 | | -0.8 | 0.8 | | | | |
| PM2.5 LOCAL CONDITIONS | | | | | | 2005-1 | 121 | 4 | 10.0 | 12.6 | 17 | | -0.7 | 0.9 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2005-2 | 134 | 4 | 11.8 | 14.9 | 19 | | -0.6 | 0.5 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2005-3 | 145 | 4 | 11.6 | 14.3 | 20 | | -2.1 | 3.7 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2005-4 | 89 | 4 | 15.1 | 20.6 | 21 | | -1.3 | -0.3 | | | | |
| 01 | 25 | 001 | I | F | PM10 | 2005 | 98 | 3 | -10.3 | 12.6 | 30 | | -5.3 | 4.0 | | | | |
| PM10 TOTAL 0-10UM | | | | | | 2005-1 | 27 | 2 | -10.7 | 11.2 | 7 | | -2.5 | 2.0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2005-2 | 19 | 3 | -10.9 | 7.1 | 7 | | -3.5 | 2.5 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2005-3 | 27 | 2 | -10.1 | 13.4 | 8 | | -4.7 | 3.2 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2005-4 | 25 | 2 | -2.6 | 15.8 | 8 | | -8.7 | 6.8 | | | | |

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE

RG = EPA REGION ST = STATE RO = REPORTING ORGANIZATION TYP = ANALYZER TYPE (CONTINUOUS OR INTERMITTENT) CLASS = ANALYTICAL (A); FLOW (F)
 YR = YEAR # OF ANALYZRS = NUMBER OF ANALYZERS PRECIS CHECKS = NUMBER OF PRECISION CHECKS PROB LIM LO/UP = LOWER AND UPPER 95%
 PROBABILITY LIMITS # AUDITS L1-3 = NUMBER OF AUDITS PROB LIM LO-L1-UP = LOWER AND UPPER 95% PROBABILITY LIMITS AT LOW RANGE PROB LIM LO-
 L2-UP = LOWER AND UPPER 95% PROBABILITY LIMITS AT MIDDLE RANGE PROB LIM LO-L3-UP = LOWER AND UPPER 95% PROBABILITY LIMITS AT HIGH RANGE #
 OF SMPLS = NUMBER OF SAMPLERS COLLOC SITES = NUMBER OF COLLOCATED SITES # AUD = NUMBER OF AUDITS

Section IV

PAMS/Air Toxics Monitoring

PAMS Monitoring

Introduction

Unlike other pollutants, ground-level ozone is unique because it is a secondary pollutant and is not discharged directly to the atmosphere from a stack or tailpipe, but rather forms in the atmosphere from the photochemical reactions of other pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and NO_x. Ozone formation can occur many miles downwind from the original emissions source of the other pollutants. These reactions only occur in the presence of strong sunlight, which is present during the hottest days of the summer. The PAMS program was conceived as part of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments as an accurate way to collect data for assessing NAAQS attainment progress independent of the meteorological variation that occurs between years and for identifying appropriate pollution control strategies.

PAMS (Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations) is a special designation for enhanced monitoring stations that measure pollutants and meteorological parameters that are designed to gather information on the ozone formation process. In addition to the standard NAAQS pollutants (Ozone, NO₂) that are measured at other sites, non-criteria pollutants, including VOCs, are measured at PAMS stations on either an hourly basis or at regularly scheduled intervals throughout the ozone monitoring season (June, July and August). Meteorology is a critical component of ozone formation and each PAMS site has a full complement of meteorological sensors including wind speed, wind direction, temperature, relative humidity, barometric pressure, solar intensity and at some sites, total ultraviolet light and precipitation. MassDEP has one PAMS-associated Doppler Radar High Altitude Wind/Temperature Profiler at the Stow site (which is otherwise not a PAMS designated location).

Since the PAMS project started in 1993, USEPA has required Massachusetts to conduct enhanced ozone precursor measurements in the Boston and Springfield Metropolitan Areas and to assist Rhode Island in the measurement of ozone precursors and reactants at locations down wind of Providence, RI. The PAMS monitoring network was phased in during the 1990's. Competition for attention and resources from newer monitoring initiatives (including PM_{2.5}) has halted the expansion of the program and led to a consolidation of the network over the last several years. Looking toward the future, a holistic strategy that includes PAMs measurements at fewer but more enhanced air monitoring stations is being developed by USEPA.

PAMS Monitoring Areas

| Boston | Springfield | Providence |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| *Blue Hill (Milton) | Chicopee | *Blue Hill (Milton) |
| Lynn | Ware | |
| Newbury | | |
| Long Island | | |

* Provides data for both Boston and Providence networks.

Air Toxics Monitoring

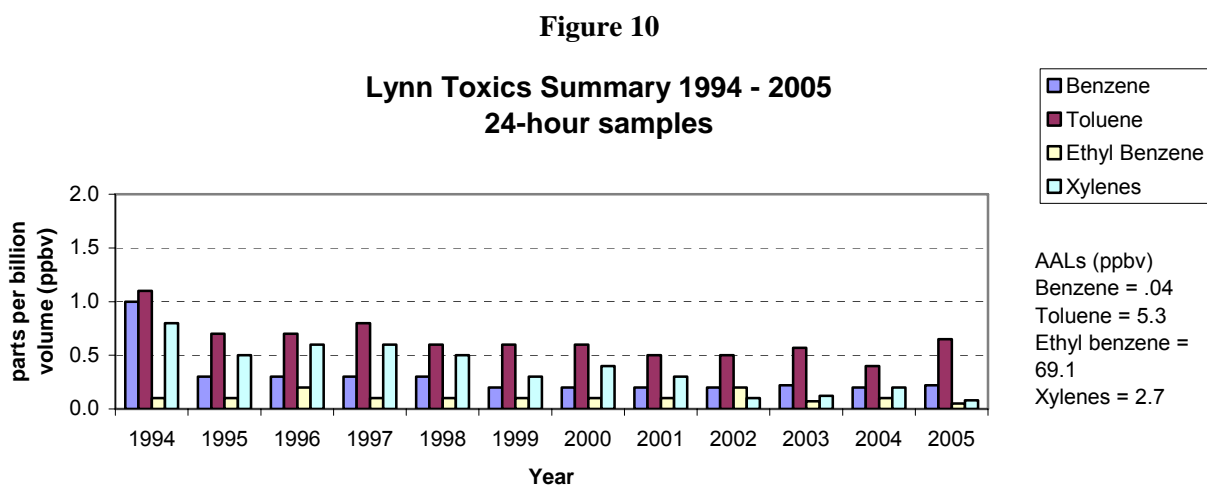
Introduction

Toxic air pollutants are distinct from criteria air pollutants such as ozone and CO. They include pollutants known or suspected to cause cancer or other serious health effects, and include volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and toxic metals (e.g., mercury).

MassDEP monitors VOCs as part of the PAMS monitoring program, many of which are air toxics. From June through August, VOCs are monitored at six PAMS sites. In addition, in 1999 MassDEP added two monitors to measure specific health-relevant VOCs.

A new toxics monitoring project was started at the Harrison Avenue monitoring site in Roxbury in 2003 and has been designated as a National Air Toxics Trends Station (NATTS) designed to collect and quantify a number of toxic air pollutants including VOCs, metals, aldehydes and black carbon. Data from this site will be compared with data from a network of similar sites positioned across the country to identify transport, trends and site-specific characteristics of these pollutants. VOCs and black carbon have been collected at this site since 1999.

Figure 12 summarizes concentrations of 24-hour health-relevant PAMS target compounds for samples taken at the Lynn PAMS site from 1994 to 2005. Significant mean concentration decreases between 1994 and 1995 are likely due to the introduction of reformulated gasoline at the beginning of 1995. Allowable Ambient Limit (AAL) values are presented next to Figure 9 for reference. AALs are health-based air toxics guidelines developed by MassDEP based on known or suspected carcinogenic and toxic health properties of individual compounds. Safety factors are incorporated into the AALs to account for exposures from pathways other than air. AALs are reviewed and updated periodically to reflect current toxicity information. AAL concentrations were developed for a 70-year lifetime exposure, but are frequently used for comparison with annual averages.



Below is a table that summarizes results from the analysis of 24-hour samples for selected target VOCs from the two sites for 2005. The central city sampling location is Harrison Avenue and the area background site was Lynn.

| Compound | BOSTON (Harrison Ave) | | LYNN | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------|-----------|------|
| | Max Value | Mean | Max Value | Mean |
| | ppb | ppb | ppb | ppb |
| 1,3-butadiene | .20 | .06 | .07 | .02 |
| 1,1,1-trichloroethane | .05 | .02 | .05 | .02 |
| trichloroethylene | .05 | .02 | .05 | .02 |
| tetrachloroethylene | .20 | .03 | .30 | .03 |
| Benzene | .98 | .39 | 1.46 | .22 |
| Toluene | 7.85 | 1.23 | 2.92 | .65 |
| Xylenes | 1.45 | .32 | .25 | .08 |
| Ethylbenzene | .72 | .16 | .26 | .05 |

Appendix A

2005 State Monitoring Station Locations

| SITE ID | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | DATE SITE | |
|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|--|
| | | | | ESTABLISHED | MONITORED |
| 25-001-0002 | ADAMS | BERKSHIRE | MT. GREYLOCK | 5/1/1989 | O3 |
| 25-003-4002 | AMHERST | HAMPSHIRE | NORTH PLEASANT | 4/1/1988 | O3 |
| 25-025-0002 | BOSTON | SUFFOLK | KENMORE SQUARE | 1/1/1965 | SO2, NO2, CO, Lead, PM2.5 FRM, PM10, TEMP |
| 25-025-0027 | BOSTON | SUFFOLK | ONE CITY SQUARE | 1/1/1985 | PM2.5 FRM, PM10 |
| 25-025-0041 | BOSTON | SUFFOLK | LONG ISLAND | 12/1/1998 | O3, NO2, VOCs, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP |
| 25-025-0042 | BOSTON | SUFFOLK | HARRISON AVENUE | 12/15/1998 | O3, SO2, NO2, CO, PM2.5 FRM & BAM (w/Speciation), PM10, Toxics, Black Carbon, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP |
| 25-025-0043 | BOSTON | SUFFOLK | 174 NORTH ST | 1/1/2000 | PM2.5 FRM & BAM, Black Carbon |
| 25-023-0004 | BROCKTON | PLYMOUTH | 120 COMMERCIAL ST | 12/15/1998 | PM2.5 FRM |
| 25-013-0008 | CHICOPEE | HAMPDEN | ANDERSON RD | 1/1/1983 | O3, NO2, PM2.5 FRM (w/Speciation), VOCs, Toxics, TEMP, WS/WD, Solar Rad, RH, BP |
| 25-013-0008 | FAIRHAVEN | BRISTOL | LEROY WOOD | 1/1/1982 | O3, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP |
| 25-005-1004 | FALL RIVER | BRISTOL | GLOBE ST | 2/1/1975 | PM2.5 FRM & BAM, SO2 |
| 25-009-5005 | HAVERHILL | ESSEX | WASHINGTON ST | 7/19/1994 | O3, NO2, PM2.5 FRM & BAM, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP |
| 25-009-6001 | LAWRENCE | ESSEX | WALL EXP. STATION | 4/3/1999 | PM2.5 FRM |
| 25-017-0007 | LOWELL | MIDDLESEX | OLD CITY HALL | 7/17/1981 | CO |
| 25-009-2006 | LYNN | ESSEX | 390 PARKLAND | 1/1/1992 | O3, NO2, PM2.5 FRM & BAM, VOCs, Toxics, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP, UVB, PRECIP |
| 25-021-3003 | MILTON | NORFOLK | BLUE HILL | 4/2/2002 | O3, NO2, NOy, PM2.5 BAM, VOCs, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP |
| 25-009-4004 | NEWBURY | ESSEX | SUNSET BOULEVARD | 8/1/1984 | O3, NO2, NOy, VOCs, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP |
| 25-003-5001 | PITTSFIELD | BERKSHIRE | 78 CENTER STREET | 12/1/1998 | PM2.5 FRM |
| 25-003-0006 | PITTSFIELD | BERKSHIRE | BERKSHIRE COMMONS | 1/1/79 | PM2.5 BAM |
| 25-013-0016 | SPRINGFIELD | HAMPDEN | LIBERTY STREET | 4/1/1988 | SO2, NO2, CO, PM2.5 FRM & BAM |
| 25-013-2009 | SPRINGFIELD | HAMPDEN | 1860 MAIN STREET | 1/1/2002 | PM2.5 FRM, PM10 |
| 25-021-3003 | STOW | MIDDLESEX | US MILITARY | 4/1/1998 | O3, Profiler, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP |
| 25-001-0002 | TRURO | BARNSTABLE | FOX BOTTOM AREA | 4/1/1987 | O3, NO2, NOy, IMPROVE, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP |
| 25-017-4003 | WALTHAM | MIDDLESEX | BEAVER STREET | 1/1/1971 | Acid Deposition |
| 25-015-4002 | WARE | HAMPSHIRE | QUABBIN SUMMIT | 6/1/1985 | O3, SO2, NO2, NOy, PM10, VOCs, PM2.5 BAM, IMPROVE, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP, UVB, PRECIP |
| 25-027-0015 | WORCESTER | WORCESTER | WORC. AIRPORT | 5/7/1979 | O3, WS/WD, TEMP |
| 25-027-0016 | WORCESTER | WORCESTER | 2 WASHINGTON ST | 12/31/2002 | PM2.5 FRM |
| 25-027-0023 | WORCESTER | WORCESTER | SUMMER STREET | 1/1/2004 | SO2, NO2, CO, PM2.5 FRM & BAM, PM10 |

2005 Industrial Monitoring Station Locations

| SITE ID | CITY | COUNTY | ADDRESS | DATE SITE | |
|-------------|--------|---------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | ESTABLISHED | MONITORED |
| 25-025-0019 | BOSTON | SUFFOLK | LONG ISLAND | 1/1/1978 | SO2, TSP, SO4, WS/WD |
| 25-025-0020 | BOSTON | SUFFOLK | DEWAR STREET | 1/1/1978 | SO2, TSP, SO4, WS/WD |
| 25-025-0021 | BOSTON | SUFFOLK | BREMEN STREET | 1/1/1979 | SO2, TSP, SO4, WS/WD |
| 25-025-0040 | BOSTON | SUFFOLK | 531A EAST FIRST ST | 1/1/1993 | SO2, TSP, SO4, NO2, WS/WD |

Appendix B

Air Quality Web Sites

Below is a listing of web sites that have air quality data or related information.

| Web Address | Organization | Description |
|--|----------------|--|
| www.mass.gov/dep/ | MassDEP | MassDEP Home Page. Links to MassDEP programs, regions and publications. Links to the Daily Ozone Forecast during ozone season (May 1 through September 30). |
| www.mass.gov/dep/bwp/ | MassDEP | MassDEP Air Program Planning Unit Home Page. Select from Air, water, toxics, etc. |
| www.airbeat.org | MassDEP/EMPACT | Current AIR Quality in Roxbury – web page of MassDEP and EMPACT’s Roxbury monitor that shows current levels of ozone and particulates in the air. |
| www.turi.org | TURI | Toxics Use Reduction Institute – a multi-disciplinary research, education, and technical support center located at the University of Massachusetts/Lowell. Promotes reduction in the use of toxic chemicals and the generation of toxic by-products in industry and commerce in Massachusetts. The web site includes a link to TURADData, which makes information available to the public about toxics use in their communities. |
| www.airnow.gov | USEPA | Ozone Mapping Project – color-coded animated maps using near real-time data that show how ozone is formed and transported downwind. |
| www.epa.gov/ne/aqi/index.html | USEPA | AQI New England Forecast and Real Time Ozone. |
| www.epa.gov/ne/airquality/index.html | USEPA | EPA Smog Alert System – sign up and receive e-mail alerts whenever Massachusetts predicts unhealthy ozone levels. |
| www.epa.gov/air/data/ | USEPA | AIRSDData - Access to air pollution data for the entire U.S. |
| www.epa.gov/bioindicators/ | USEPA | Center for Environmental Information and Statistics – a single convenient source for information on environmental quality. |
| www.epa.gov/oar/oaqps | USEPA | EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation/Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards |
| www.epa.gov/region01/ | USEPA | EPA Region 1 Home Page |
| www.epa.gov/ttn/ | USEPA | EPA Technology Transfer Network - a collection of technical Web sites containing information about many areas of air pollution science, technology, regulation, measurement, and prevention. |

Appendix B (continued)

| Web Address | Organization | Description |
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| www.epa.gov/enviro/ | USEPA | EPA Envirofacts – data extracted from (4) major EPA databases: • PCS (Permit Compliance System) • RCRIS (Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System) • CERCLIS (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System) • TRIS (Toxic Release Inventory System) |
| www.epa.gov/index.html | USEPA | Enviro\$en\$e Network - a free, public environmental information system. Provides users with pollution prevention/cleaner production solutions, compliance and enforcement assistance information, and innovative technology options. |
| www.epa.gov/docs/ozone/index.html | USEPA | EPA Ozone Depletion Home Page – learn about the importance of the “good” ozone in the stratospheric ozone layer. |
| www.epa.gov/airmarkets/acidrain/ | USEPA | The Acid Rain Program – overall goal is to achieve significant environmental and public health benefits through reductions in emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO ₂) and nitrogen oxides (NO _x), the primary causes of acid rain. Emissions data from the nation’s largest power generating facilities is available here. |
| www.wampweather.org | Wampanoag Tribe | Weather monitoring information is listed under Natural Resources. |
| www.epa.gov/ne/aqi/ | USEPA | Real Time ozone data |
| Maine www.state.me.us/dep/air/ New Hampshire www.des.state.nh.us/ard/ozone.htm New York www.dec.state.ny.us/apps/aqi/aqi_forecast.cfm New Jersey www.state.nj.us/dep/airmon/ Rhode Island www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/air/pm.htm | | Ozone predictions and some real-time ozone data from neighboring states (some states report other pollutants, as well). |

Appendix B (continued)

| Web Address | Organization | Description |
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| www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/ | USEPA | Unified Air Toxics Website - This site is a central clearinghouse and repository for air toxics implementation information |
| www.epa.gov/airtrends | USEPA | AIRTrends - information on USEPA's evaluation of status and trends in the nation's outdoor air quality. |
| www.cleanairworld.org/ | STAPPA/ALAPCO | State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators/Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials – site has links to air quality related agencies and organizations. |
| www.nescaum.org/ | NESCAUM | Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management – an interstate association of air quality control divisions from the six New England states, New York and New Jersey. |
| www.wunderground.com/ | University of Michigan | The Weather Underground -. another good source of weather information in the US and world. |
| http://cirrus.sprl.umich.edu/ | University of Michigan | The WeatherNet – a good source of weather information. Also has a great list of weather links. |
| www.nws.noaa.gov/er/ box | NWS | The National Weather Service's Boston office provides local forecasts and climate information. |
| www.thebostonchannel.com/ | WCVB | WCVB TV Pollen Count – provides the daily pollen and mold count. |
| www.hazecam.net/ | NESCAUM (CAMNET) | Real-time Air Pollution Visibility Camera Network - live pictures and air quality conditions for urban and rural vistas across the Northeast U.S. |
| www.arb.ca.gov/homepage.h tm | CARB | California Air Resources Board Home Page |
| www.awma.org/ | AWMA | The Air & Waste Management Association - a nonprofit, nonpartisan professional organization that provides training, information, and networking opportunities to 12,000 environmental professionals in 65 countries. |
| http://nadp.sws.uiuc.edu/ | NADP | National Atmospheric Deposition Program – maps and data from the nationwide precipitation monitoring network. Site also has data from the Mercury Deposition Network. |
| http://profiler.noaa.gov/npn/p rofiler.jsp | NPN | NOAA Profiler Network provides hourly vertical wind profil data. |
| www.lungusa.org/ | American Lung Association | American Lung Association – public health advocacy organization involved in public policy, research, and education mission is to prevent lung disease |
| http://nh.water.usgs.gov/ | NACB | New England Coastal Basins Mercury Deposition Network – Atmospheric deposition |